tory assistants. The exceedingly able and interesting report of Dr. F. W. Mott, F.R.S., the pathologist, is referred to elsewhere. It denotes an immense step in the right direction, and amply justifies Dr. Mott's appointment.

Dr. Mott has already commenced more than one important inquiry which, as will be seen, promises to yield results of great clinical and practical importance. He has also been successful in enlisting the services of several willing workers who will doubtless by their labours contribute not a little to the value of the results to be attained in the laboratory. One point only may be noted here as illustrating the thoroughness with which the inquiries are directed.

The necessary delay which supervenes between the death of the patient and the removal of the central nervous system for histological examination has interfered with pathological research, and has at times given rise to fallacies. At the London County Lunatic Asylum, Claybury, a cold chamber with a constant temperature of 32° F., has been provided, and the bodies are placed in it as soon after death as possible, and kept there until examined. A proof of the utility of this plan has been provided by Mr. A. T. White's routine bacteriological examination of blood from the superior longitudinal sinus and of the cerebrospinal fluid of 83 bodies. In those examined before the cold chamber was in use, micro-organisms were found in 40 per cent., while in those which had been kept in the cold chamber cultures of micro-organisms were obtained in 15 per cent., a very material difference.

We are glad to note that it is intended to issue full reports of the laboratory in the form of *Archives*, which will be edited by Dr. Mott.

OPENING OF THE WINTER SESSION IN THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

KING'S COLLEGE.

THE opening of the session was, as reported in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of October 9th, formally marked at King's College by a *conversazione* and distribution of prizes by the Rev. Dr. Robertson, the recently-elected principal, but in the evening the more popular and informal gathering of old students of King's College Hospital met at Limmer's Hotel for the annual dinner, with Mr. F. Richardson Cross, F.R.C.S., of Clifton, in the chair. This gathering, both by numbers and enthusiasm, was most successful. The Chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen," "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," and the toast of the evening, "King's College Hospital and its Medical School." In the course of his speech he gave an interesting account of the foundation of King's College, and he touched lovingly upon the work which had been done by such men as Partridge, Ferguson, Lister, Kelly, Baxter, Johnson, Garrod, Bowman, Todd, Beale, Rutherford, and Ferrier, and his remarks were greeted with frequent bursts of applause, which perhaps became most enthusiastic when the speaker, turning from the past, spoke of the present and the future prospects of the school. Replies to this toast were made by the Rev. Dr. Wace, late Chairman of the Hospital Committee, and by the Rev. Dr. Robertson. Amongst those who proposed or replied to other toasts were the following: Dr. Burney Yeo, Dr. Walters (Reigate), Dr. Shingleton Smith (Bristol), Dr. Wynter Blyth, Surgeon-Captain Valentine Matthews, Professor McHardy, and Dr. Tirard. Mr. Herbert Schartau and Mr. Percy Webster enlivened the evening by numerous songs. The following Entrance Medical and Science Scholarships have been awarded:—Medical Entrance Scholarships, 60 guineas, W. E. Blackall. Sambrooke Medical (Science) Scholarship, £50, J. A. Drake and M. R. C. MacWatters. Warneford Medical (Arts) Scholarship, £25 for three years, H. B. Day; £25 for three years, A. A. Myers. Worshipful Company of Clothworkers (Science) Scholarship, £30 for two years, E. Hinks; £20 for two years, A. E. Ruffhead. Engineering Entrance Scholarship, £15, G. H. Lovegrove.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

At the Middlesex Hospital Medical School the First Broderip Scholarship has been awarded to Mr. H. F. Hine and the Second to Mr. G. H. Lucas. The First Entrance Scholarship has been awarded to Mr. Wm. Gillitt, and the Second to Mr. Rees Phillips.

YORKSHIRE COLLEGE, LEEDS.

On the evening of the day (October 1st) of opening of the winter session of the medical department of the Yorkshire College, Leeds, Mr. T. R. Jessop, who, as stated in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of October 9th, delivered the introductory address, was entertained at dinner by the members of the medical profession in the city and district at the Queen's Hotel. Dr. Coleman, in proposing the health of the guest of the evening, referred to the distinguished position to which Mr. Jessop has attained as a provincial surgeon. Professor C. J. Wright, as an old fellow student, supported the toast. Mr. Jessop replied in a speech containing many interesting personal reminiscences, which were much appreciated by his professional brethren. Mr. F. H. Mayo proposed "The Medical Department of the Yorkshire College," coupled with the name of the Dean. Mr. Scattergood, in responding, spoke of the vastly improved condition under which, in the new school, students can receive their education, and said that one of the most gratifying features is the increasing number of qualified practitioners who come to the school to carry on post-graduate studies. During the evening the Lyric Quartet gave musical selections, and Dr. Holt, of Malton, and others contributed to the enjoyment of an exceedingly pleasant evening. About eighty members of the profession were present.

EDINBURGH.

The University and extra-mural classes were opened for the winter session on Tuesday, October 12th. In some cases more or less formal introductory lectures were given. Thus Sir Thomas Grainger Stewart referred to the imperfection of our knowledge of medicine despite the astounding progress of recent years, to the necessity there was that the country should be roused to put into practice the precautions which medical science had taught them. He referred to cholera at Hamburg, small-pox at Gloucester, and typhoid fever at Maidstone as examples of calamities which might perfectly well have been prevented if the known facts of science had been fitly applied.

BATTLE OF THE CLUBS.

COVENTRY PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.

SIR,—Under the head of the "Battle of the Clubs," two paragraphs appear in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of September 18th and October 2nd referring to Coventry, which the medical staff of the Coventry Dispensary desire to correct.

The paragraph which you refer to on September 18th as appearing in the local press was read at the monthly meeting of the Committee of the dispensary held on September 14th by the Chairman. Great indignation was expressed, and it was characterised by the members as an attempt to create discord between themselves and the staff. A resolution was proposed, carried unanimously, and sent to the medical staff as follows:

That the Committee very much regret that such a paragraph should have appeared, as it was without their knowledge or approval, and was untrue.

We would add that no final reply to our memorial has yet been received. The matter is still under discussion. The whole staff has recently met the Committee, and discussed some of the points in the memorial, and a further meeting will shortly be held. The members of the Committee have expressed their desire to discuss the question in a friendly and amicable spirit.

Meanwhile, we think it a matter for regret that such a paragraph (evidently emanating from an individual who has no desire to see the question amicably settled between the staff and the Committee) should so promptly be sent to your *JOURNAL* and the *Lancet* without some steps being first taken to ascertain the truth of it. Such action is, in our opinion, not calculated to bring about that "united action" of which you speak.—I am, etc.,

(Signed for the medical staff)

W. J. PICKUP,

Secretary Medical Staff of the Provident Dispensary.

Coventry, Oct. 11th.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

At a general meeting of the members of the East Anglian

Branch, held at Aldeburgh, on September 16th, 1897, the President (Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D.) in the chair, it was unanimously resolved:

That in future no medical men belonging to the medical aid associations be elected members of the East Anglian Branch of the British Medical Association.

Also:

That this resolution be forwarded to the Council of the Association, with a request that the Council should take similar action, and that copies of these resolutions be sent to the secretaries of each Branch of the British Medical Association in Great Britain and Ireland.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room of the Association, at No. 429, Strand (corner of Agar Street), London, on Wednesday the 20th day of October next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The following Committees also will meet:

Tuesday, October 19th, 1897.—2.0 P.M. Premises and Library Committee.—2.30 P.M. General Practitioners and Ethical Committee.—3.30 P.M. Parliamentary Bills Committee. 4.0 P.M. Arrangement Committee. *Wednesday, October 20th 1897.*—10 A.M. Journal and Finance Committee.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

October, 1897.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The first meeting of the session will be held at the Town Hall, Hackney, on Thursday, October 21st, at 8.30 P.M. The chair will be taken by Mr. Frederick Wallace, President of the Branch. Mr. Howard Marsh, F.R.C.S., will read a paper entitled, *Operative Surgery of the Present Day in its application to Affections of the Joints, with Cases.*—HERBERT E. POWELL, Honorary Secretary, Glenarm House, Upper Clapton.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—The autumn meeting of this Branch will be held in the Museum, College Square North, Belfast, on Thursday, October 28th, at 12 at noon. Members who wish to read papers, show patients, or bring other business before the meeting, will kindly communicate, on or before Wednesday, October 26th, with JOHN CAMPBELL, Honorary Secretary, 21, Great Victoria Street, Belfast.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—The autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Friday, October 29th, at 5 o'clock. It being the intention of Dr. Kelly to resign the office of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the appointment of his successor will be considered at this meeting. The subject as settled by the Council for discussion (before dinner) will be: *Nervous Depression and its Treatment*; and the discussion will be opened by the President, Mr. Hayes. Dinner at 6.30 (ss. a head, inclusive of waiters, but exclusive of wine) will be provided for gentlemen who give previous notice to the proprietor of the Hotel, or to Mr. Rigden, 2, Billet Street, Taunton.—W. M. KELLY, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Radcliffe Infirmary, on Friday, October 29th, at 3 P.M. Agenda:—Dr. Freeborn: A Case of Purpura Hemorrhagica. Mr. S. A. Hayman: A case of Acute Myelitis. Dr. Elsmore: Hepatic Intermittent Fever. Mr. Doyne: Exophthalmos and other Eye Cases. Mr. W. L. Morgan: A Case of Intussusception. Dr. Collier: A Severe Case of Chorea. Dr. Mallam: Malignant Disease of the Suprarenal Capsules. And other business. Notice of further communications should be sent to the Secretary before Tuesday, October 19th.—W. COLLIER, St. Mary's Entry, Oxford, Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The autumn meeting will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Malvern, on Friday, October 22nd, at 3.15 P.M. Dr. H. E. Dixey will speak on the subject of *The Contagious Diseases (among Soldiers) Acts*, and on *The Position of the Association with regard to Medical Defence*, and move resolutions thereon. Members are requested to exhibit patients, pathological specimens, etc., at the commencement of the meeting.—GEO. W. CROWE, Honorary Secretary.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual general meeting will be held at the George Hotel, Walsall, on Thursday, October 28th, at 4 P.M., when an address will be delivered by the President-elect, Mr. G. A. Phillips. Agenda:—Correspondence. Election of new members: Dr. J. A. Codd (Wolverhampton), Mr. A. H. W. Hunt (Wolverhampton), and Dr. Arthur J. Martin (Bloxwich), are proposed. Address by the President. Report

of the Council and Ethical Committee, and financial statement. Election of officers and Council for the ensuing year. The dinner after the meeting is fixed for 6 P.M., ss. each. Members desirous of reading papers at the Stoke meeting in November are requested to communicate the title to the General Secretary, F. MILNES BLUMER, Stafford.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: SOUTH-EAST HANTS DISTRICT.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at the Medical Library, Portsmouth, on Tuesday, October 26th. Members desiring to make communications, or to exhibit patients or specimens, are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, C. C. CLAREMONT, M.D., 57, Elm Grove, Southsea.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The autumn meeting of the Branch will be held in the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday, November 5th. Members intending to read papers, etc., are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretaries, R. DUNDAS HELM (Carlisle), W. HALL CALVERT (Melrose).

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SURREY DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at the Royal County Hospital, Guildford, on Friday, October 29th, at 4 P.M. Dr. Russell will preside. Agenda: Minutes of Farnham meeting. To decide where the next meeting shall be held, and to nominate a member of the Branch to take the chair thereat. The following paper has been promised: Dr. Washbourn (London): *The Serum Treatment of Disease*. Members desirous of exhibiting specimens or reading notes of cases are invited to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary. Dinner at the White Lion Hotel at 6 P.M.; charge, 6s., exclusive of wine. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend, and introduce professional friends.—ALEX. HOPE WALKER, Honorary Secretary, Cranleigh.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

The autumnal meeting of this Branch was held at the General Infirmary, Northampton, on October 7th, 1897, under the presidency of Mr. R. A. MILLIGAN.

Luncheon.—About thirty members and visitors were present, and were entertained at luncheon by the President previously to the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

President's Address.—The PRESIDENT delivered an introductory address on the Advance in Surgery during the last twenty years, comparing the past with the present, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the same.

New Members.—Mr. H. C. Addison (Bedford) and Mr. T. P. Greenwood (Stamford) were elected new members of the Branch.

Proposal as to Annual Dinner.—A letter and proposal from Mr. De'Ath on the subject of the annual dinner was, in the absence of the writer, not taken into consideration.

Medical Ethics.—A letter was read from Dr. P. M. Braidwood, suggesting the publication and distribution among the members of the Branch of a leaflet, in which they could record their opinions on medical ethics and other such matters. It was ordered to lie on the table.

Medical Aid Associations.—A circular was read from the secretaries of the East Anglian Branch containing resolutions passed by that Branch on the subject of medical aid institutions. The Secretary was requested to acknowledge the same, and in reply to forward a copy of the resolutions passed by this Branch on the same subject.

Communications.—Dr. WM. NEWMAN exhibited a series of *x* Rays Pictures taken by himself of various injuries of bones and joints, etc.—Dr. MAGUIRE read a case of Phenomenal Gestation.—Dr. ALLISON read a paper founded on a case of Pernicious Anæmia, going fully into the details of the subject. An interesting discussion ensued, in which Drs. JONES, GOLDSMITH, HEMMING, NASH and others joined, and Dr. ALLISON replied.—Mr. ALFRED LINNELL read notes on an Unusual Cause for Otorrhœa, namely, the presence of a nest of maggots.

The Montreal Meeting.—Mr. H. CROPLEY gave a brief summary of his experiences at the Montreal meeting as the representative of the Branch, and received a hearty vote of thanks for the same.

Votes of Thanks.—Votes of thanks to the President for his conduct in the chair, and to the readers of papers, etc., brought the meeting to a close.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

The autumnal meeting was held at Bishop Auckland on October 7th.

Communications.—Dr. WARDLE showed (1) a child, aged 3 years, from whose belly he had removed a hatpin (swal-