for his special work in the asylum at Pietermaritzburg. He moved a resolution of condolence with the relatives of those deceased members.

This also was carried by members upstanding.

The following gentlemen were duly elected members:

McIver, Colin, Capt., I.M.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., c/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co., 54, Parliament Street, S.W.

Proposed by Drs. J. G. Porter Phillips, W. H. B. Stoddart, and R. H. Steen.

Wright, Maurice B., Major, R.A.M.C., M.D., C.M.Edin., Mental Specialist, Eastern Command, 118, Harley Street, London, W.

Proposed by Drs. J. C. Woods, Maurice Craig, and R. H. Steen.

Dr. Adair and Dr. Sergeant acted as scrutineers.

The President said a letter had been received from Dr. David Orr, of Prestwich Asylum, expressing the regret of himself and his co-author that neither were able to attend to present their paper in person, as they were unable to leave in consequence of emergency war work. Dr. Devine, a colleague of Dr. Rows, would present the paper.

Paper.

Dr. David Orr and Major R. G. Rows, R.A.M.C.: "Further Observations on Experimental Toxi-infections of the Central Nervous System" (with lantern illustrations). (See p. 18).

The President expressed the thanks of the meeting to the authors for having made the Association privy to the important work they were carrying out in this domain of pathology.

Sir George Savage said he would like to suggest that when important and intricate scientific contributions, such as this one, were presented to the Association at its meetings, it would be a great advantage—certainly it would be to him—if a *précis* could be circulated beforehand.

The President expressed his agreement with what Sir George Savage had said. The suggestion would be carefully considered by the Council, and he did not doubt it would be acted upon. It was a common practice in societies which were doing scientific work, and he did not see why it should not be followed by this Association.

It only remained for him to thank Dr. Orr and Major Rows for their contribution; they kept the Association up to date with researches, and members could imagine the zeal and energy with which they were pursuing their work, at this time when everybody was working so strenuously.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held by the kind invitation of Dr. Jeffrey at Bootham Park, York, on Thursday, October 25th, 1917.

Dr. Jeffrey presided.

The following seventeen members were present: Drs. M. A. Archdale, J. G. Blandford, A. J. Eades, J. W. Geddes, F. P. Hearder, T. Herbert, G. R. Jeffrey, W. S. Kay, R. McD. Ladell, T. W. McDowall, H. J. Mackenzie, H. D. MacPhail, S. R. Macphail, B. Pierce, M. L. Rowan, J. B. Tighe, and T. S. Adair, and one visitor, Dr. C. S. Lowson.

Several apologies for non-attendance were received.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Drs. McDowall, Pierce, and Street were unanimously re-elected to form the Divisional Committee for the ensuing year.

Dr. Bedford Pierce gave some notes of an interesting case he had had under his care of a patient with a peculiar periodicity, being to all intents and purposes insane one day and sane the next. This condition was kept up for a long period—the patient finally left the asylum. She came back at a later date, but on this occasion had lost the periodical character of her insanity.

The question of rationing in the asylums, and the present difficulties in the way of obtaining satisfactory food supplies wasthen generally discussed and considered. A good many different experiences were given both as to the results of using a

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diminished allowance of bread and as to the difficulty of obtaining and using satisfactory substitutes.

A very interesting meeting was terminated by a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Jeffrey for so kindly welcoming and entertaining the members.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South Eastern Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Springfield War Hospital, Beechcroft Road, Upper Tooting, S.W. 17, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4th, 1917.

The following members were present: Drs. D. Bower, J. Chambers, M. D. Eder, J. H. Earls, C. F. Fothergill, E. G. Fearnsides, A. H. Griffith, S. J. Gilfillan, H. E. Haynes, H. J. Norman, N. Oliver, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. H. Steen, R. Worth, and J. Noel Sergeant (Hon. Div. Sec.).

Major Worth took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Fearnsides was unanimously elected an ordinary member.

The date and place of the Spring Meeting were left to the discretion of the Secretary.

Major Worth was elected a member of the Divisional Committee of Management in place of Dr. R. P. Smith, who had intimated his inability to act.

Major Worth called upon Dr. Fearnsides to read his paper on "Neurasthenia and Shell Shock," and then read his own paper on "The After-care of Shell Shock Cases."

A short discussion followed, in which Drs. Eder, Fearnsides, Sergeant, Steen, and Worth took part.

At this stage the members availed themselves of the tea which had been hospitably provided, and carried on the discussion in a more informal manner, after which a brief clinical exhibition of some interesting cases terminated a most enjoyable and instructive meeting, for which the gratitude and thanks of the members are due to Major Worth.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the above Division was held, by the kind permission of Dr. MacBryan, at 17, Belmont, Bath, on Friday, October 26th, 1917, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members were present: Dr. Aveline, Lt.-Col. J. R. Benson, Drs. Lavers, MacBryan, MacDonald, Nelis, and the Hon. Div. Secretary, Dr. Bartlett.

Dr. MacDonald was voted to the chair.

Letters of regret for non-attendance from Drs. Devine and Soutar were read.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Bartlett was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary, Dr. Aveline kindly expressing his willingness to undertake the duties should Dr. Bartlett be called for military service.

Drs. Aveline and MacBryan were nominated representative members of Council.

The place of the Spring Meeting (April 26th, 1918) was left in the hands of the Secretary for arrangement.

The decease of the Treasurer, Dr. Hayes Newington, was recorded with regret, and comment made on the great loss thereby sustained by the Association. The Hon. Secretary was requested to convey the deep sympathies of the members present to his sorrowing relatives.

Dr. Bartlett reported and made comments on the case and *post-mortem* examination of a microcephalic idiot, the chief point of interest being the absence of the corpus callosum.

The institution in asylums of Lord Devonport's scale for flour, meat, and sugar provided an interesting discussion, in which all the members present participated. The following points were discussed: (1) the exceeding of this scale in the case of flour only as regards the patients' dietary; (2) the best methods to prevent waste in institution catering; (3) the value of the saving effected by the substitution of the flour used over and above the allowance by other cereal foods; (4) the difficulties arising in catering for the staff; (5) the staff diet scale published in asylum reports, and how far this is binding on asylum authorities; (6) the right of

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