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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the staff to claim the full pre-war issue on this scale; (7) the comparison of the cost of the reduced rations with the full pre-war issue on which the value of emoluments for superannuation purposes was fixed; (8) the right of the staff to claim a diet, equivalent in value to the amount fixed as board emolument; (9) the grounds on which permanent increases in salary and war bonuses had been generally given, and to what extent the reduction in food was thereby compensated; (10) the payment of a weekly sum of money in lieu of the rations deducted, as at present conceded in some asylums, and the basis on which this sum is computed; (11) the making up of the deducted diet with available substitutes, and so forming an acceptable and variable diet, as already favoured by some asylums. It was generally agreed that if all waste could be stopped there would be little, if any, need for rationing. The principle of fixed allowances was not considered as conducive to economy. There was a concensus of opinion that the fresh difficulties created through forced changes in the administration of institutions have produced troubles of an unexpected character, and considerably added to the cares and anxieties in the successful administration of asylums. Further, the different methods of dealing with the difficulties associated with the introduction of rationing the staff have not tended towards a general or ready acceptance of the many earnest and well-intentioned endeavours to meet and cope with unforeseen troubles. Apart from any question of right (which could only be determined by a test case) it was thought that the all round increase of wages fairly met any reduction in the dietary, and, further, it had to be remembered that the question of rationing applied to everyone.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Edinburgh War Hospital, Bangour, on Friday, November 16th, 1917.

Present: Lieut.-Col. Keay, Major Hotchkis, Capt. Laurie, R.A.M.C.; Drs. Dods Brown, Crichlow, Carlyle Johnstone, Kerr, Mackenzie, G. M. Robertson, Ferguson Watson, and Dr. R. B. Campbell, Divisional Secretary.

Lieut.-Col. Keay occupied the chair.

Before taking up the ordinary business of the meeting the CHAIRMAN referred in appropriate terms to the loss which the Association and the Scottish Division had sustained since last meeting through the death of Dr. A. R. Urquhart, formerly Medical Superintendent of Murray's Royal Asylum, Perth. He stated that Dr. Urquhart had taken a very active part in the affairs of the Association, having been President in 1898, co-editor of the *Journal of Mental Science*, and Divisional Secretary for Scotland for several years.

It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes that the members of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Dr. A. R. Urquhart, and their sympathy with his relatives in their bereavement, and the Secretary was instructed to transmit an excerpt of the minutes to the relatives.

The CHAIRMAN also suitably referred to the great loss which the Association had sustained through the death of Dr. H. Hayes Newington, a former President, and Treasurer of the Association since 1894.

It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes that the members of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep sense of the loss the Association has sustained by the death of Dr. H. Hayes Newington, and their sympathy with his relatives in their bereavement. The Secretary was instructed to transmit an excerpt of the Minute to his relatives.

The minutes of last Divisional meeting were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Lieut.-Col. Thomson, President of the Association; Majors Eager and Stansfield; Capts. Stewart Campbell and Steele; and Drs. Yellowlees, Fraser, Easterbrook, Alexander, Tuach Mackenzie, and Shaw.

The SECRETARY submitted a letter of acknowledgment received from the

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