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OF THE

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

COLLEGE NEWS

OUR NEW TITLE

News and Notes is in direct descent from a section of the former *Journal of Mental Science* which first took shape as far back as 1864. It was for many years a miscellany, containing, besides news of the Medico-Psychological Association's meetings, comments on topical matters, reprints of press articles, obituary notices, and so on. Later, most of the short commentaries were transferred to a more prominent place in the *Journal* under the title 'Occasional Notes of the Quarter.'

In course of time 'Notes and News' came to be filled almost entirely by official reports of Association meetings, and in 1936 it was decided to issue this section as a separate Supplement to members only. This arrangement continued until 1971.

With the formation of the Royal College of Psychiatrists the need was felt for a news-letter to accompany the more specifically scientific *British Journal of Psychiatry*, and this was provisionally entitled *News and Notes*. It has sought to reflect official College policy as well as enabling individual comment to be made on issues of current interest. At the suggestion of the Journal Committee, Council has now agreed to change the title of the news-letter to *The Bulletin of the Royal College of Psychiatrists*. This title emphasizes the importance placed on the statements of College policy that are published there.

The present format of the news-letter will be continued for the time being, and the emphasis will remain on keeping members informed on matters of special concern to the College.

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