need for suitable premises have been communicated at several informal gatherings which have included among their number industrialists, politicians, newspaper proprietors and prominent lawyers. It would be appreciated if anyone able to assist the College in its attempts to secure funds wherewith to establish itself would communicate with the President.

The Future of Psychiatric Research

In a previous College Memorandum (published in the April *News and Notes*) on the Green Paper 'A Framework of Government Research and Development' (the Rothschild Report), the need for more applied research into areas of high social priority was recognized, but misgivings were expressed about the proposals for ways by which this was to be achieved. The Government White Paper, however, has since endorsed Rothschild's main proposals, and the contractor/customer notion will be implemented by transferring 25 per cent of the MRC's annual funds to the DHSS, which now becomes the principal customer. These changes must therefore now be accepted.

As the College has the duty to keep the general lines of development throughout psychiatric research under review, to assist in the formulation of research priorities, and to support and encourage the application of high scientific standards, it is particularly concerned to ensure that its influence is felt during the early stages of reorganization of Government research and development. The College is therefore taking steps to ensure that it is formally represented on any bodies set up by DHSS or MRC in order that it can actively participate both in the definition of research priorities and in the determination of what is considered feasible.

Review of the Criminal Law

Arising out of the Graham Young case,* an independent committee under the chairmanship of Lord Butler was appointed to carry out a fundamental review of the criminal law relating to mentally abnormal offenders and the facilities for the treatment of such persons. The College has now been asked to present evidence to this committee.

In the future, when the College is called upon to provide expert advice on specific issues, it is hoped that it will be able to mobilize more widely the talents present in British psychiatry. Accordingly, when the Divisional elections are complete the Divisional Chairmen will be written to and the names requested of psychiatrists in the Division who may be prepared to help when the College is asked for expert comment.

Educational Developments

A Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training has now been established, and will comprise the President and Registrar of the College, six other representatives of the College, and six members of the Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry.

A number of rotational training schemes are now in existence in different centres, and the patterns they are establishing are being studied with interest. It is hoped to publish further information about rotational schemes in existence in a future issue of *News and Notes*.

Election of Editor of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*

The scrutineers for this election have reported as follows:

'The valid votes were cast as follows:

Edward Hare	504	(43·4%)
Arthur Crisp	373	(32·1%)
Neil Kessel	283	(24·5%)

No candidate obtained a simple majority. Edward Hare obtained not less than six-fifths of the votes cast for Arthur Crisp, the nominee with the next highest number of valid votes cast, and is hereby declared elected as Editor.

* A personal comment on this case was given by Dr. D. J. West in the September *News and Notes*.

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