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COLLEGE NEWS

THE NEW PRESIDENT

As was briefly reported in the May issue of the *Bulletin*, PROFESSOR D. A. POND has been elected as the new President.

The voting figures were as follows:

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| Total votes cast | 2,067 |
| Professor Pond | 996 |
| Professor Rawnsley | 707 |
| Dr Heaton-Ward | 364 |

Desmond Arthur Pond was born in 1919. He qualified from Cambridge and University College Hospital. He took the D.P.M. in 1947, and from 1948 to 1952 was Senior Lecturer in the Department of Neurophysiology at the Maudsley Hospital, where he developed his special interests—electro-encephalography, epilepsy, and child psychiatry. From 1952 to 1966 he was Consultant Psychiatrist to University

College Hospital and also to the Maudsley Hospital, and during this time he delivered the Goulstonian Lecture on 'Psychiatric aspects of epileptic and brain-damaged children' before the Royal College of Physicians, and in the same year was elected FRCP. From 1966 he has held the Chair of Psychiatry at the London Hospital Medical College.

In the RMPA and in our College, Professor Pond has been Chairman of the Child Psychiatry Section, Chairman of the joint working party with the Royal College of General Practitioners on psychiatric training for general practitioners, as well as being a member of Council and of the Education Committee. Outside the College he has been a member of the Medical Research Council and has held office in a number of organizations concerned with epilepsy and the welfare of sufferers from that disorder.

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He is at present Chairman of the Association of Child Psychologists and Psychiatrists.

Another aspect of Professor Pond's interests is exemplified by his membership of the Archbishops' Committee on the reform of the divorce laws in 1964-65 and in his Riddell Memorial Lectures on 'Counselling in Religion and Psychiatry', published in 1973.

Besides these Lectures, a few of his numerous publications may be mentioned here: the chapters contributed to Hill and Parr's *Electroencephalography* (2nd edition, 1962); those on 'Epilepsy and Personality Disorders' in the *Handbook of Clinical Neurology* (1972), and the papers contributed jointly to the *British Journal of Psychiatry* (1963) on 'Social Factors, Marriage and Neurosis in a Working Class Population'.

SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING, 1978

Pending the publication of the Minutes of this Meeting, held in Dublin on 26 April 1978, the following is a summary of the Registrar's Report covering the period from the February Meeting (for Minutes see April issue, pp 53-5).

A number of Memoranda have been approved and will be published in due course. They include Memoranda on Infanticide, on Treatment and Rehabilitation in Relation to the Misuse of Drugs, on the Organisation of the Remedial Professions, on Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, and on the recent COHSE Report on Violent Patients. Memoranda prepared by a working party for submission to the Home Office Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship have been sent in as being the views of individual members of the working party, it having been

found impossible to submit a consensus 'College view'.

The Court of Electors is discussing proposals for improving the method of receiving and considering candidatures for the Fellowship and of ensuring that no worthy candidates are overlooked.

The World Psychiatric Association has set up a committee to review the abuse of psychiatry for political purposes. Reports of such abuses have been referred to the Public Policy Committee.

Trouble with the College's mini-computer has resulted in further delay in the completion of the intended programme for the publication of a new Membership List.

The Report ended with tributes to the members of the Irish Division and others who helped to make the Meeting an outstanding success.

M.R.C.PSYCH. EXAMINATIONS—AUTUMN 1978

The next M.R.C.Psych. Examinations will take place on the following dates:

- Preliminary Test—Wednesday 27 September 1978
- Membership Examination (written papers)—
Wednesday 8 November 1978
- Membership Examination (clinical and orals)—
Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 November 1978

The closing date for receipt of entries is **WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 1978.**

The written papers will be held in London, Birmingham, Glasgow and Dublin. The clinical and oral examinations will be held in London, Birmingham and Glasgow.

Prospective candidates are reminded that late entries **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Where candidates have undertaken part-time or overseas experience in psychiatry, or are required to submit the name and address of their Clinical Tutor or Consultant Chief, the entry forms should be submitted at least three weeks in advance so that the application may be finalized before the closing date

is reached. All candidates are required to pass the Preliminary Test before sitting for the Membership Examination.

Regulations and application forms are obtainable from the Examinations Secretary, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG, together with copies of past MCQ and essay question papers at 50p per set for 1971-1975, 20p per set for 1976 and 25p per set for 1977, inclusive of UK postage. Airmail postage is extra according to area.

The 4th edition of the *Reading List in Psychiatry* is available direct from the printers, Messrs Headley Brothers Ltd, Ashford, Kent TN24 8HH, at a cost of 40p including UK postage. Airmail postage extra according to area. Cheques/postal orders should be made payable to 'Headley Brothers Ltd'.

All Members and Fellows are asked to bring this announcement to the notice of any prospective candidates who may be working under their guidance.

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