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### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

#### 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:

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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