



Left: Sir Desmond Pond and Princess Alexandra.

Below: Professor Timbury, Mr Ogilvy, Dr Peter Sainsbury.



Above: Princess Alexandra, Dr K. Hamadah, Dr Helena Waters.



Right: Princess Alexandra, Professor Rawnsley and his wife, Dr Elinor Kapp.

Our New President

[The number of ballot forms issued was 4,790 of which 2,064 (43 per cent) were returned (of these, 55 were considered invalid). Professor Rawnsley received 953 (47 per cent) of the 2,009 votes cast.]

Professor Kenneth Rawnsley was installed as our President at the Annual Meeting of the College held in London on 9 July, 1981. He has played a major part in the formation and development of the College since its inception ten years ago. In four hundred words the biographical (*sic*) note which he provided for us to accompany the ballot papers contains an impressive list of his achievements in psychiatric teaching and research. It also indicates his considerable contribution to medical affairs in Wales and far beyond.

Rawnsley qualified in Manchester in 1948 and trained in psychiatry in Manchester and at the Maudsley. He became a member of the MRC Social Psychiatry Unit at the Institute of Psychiatry, and in 1961, at the early age of 37, was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Psychological Medicine in the Welsh National School of Medicine at Cardiff. Here he continued his research in social psychiatry with work on the epidemiology of mental illness in Wales, and subsequently he pursued this interest in other countries—most recently among the people of Tristan da Cunha.

He has served his Medical School as its Vice-Provost and has been a member of many major national committees, including the Merrison Committee of Inquiry into the Regulation of the Medical Profession. Stemming from this work, and indeed preceding it, has been his concern for the sick doctor. He is Chairman of the College's Special Committee on Sick Doctors, and was responsible for establishing a con-

fidential system of helping such doctors in conjunction with the Association of Anaesthetists. He hopes to extend this type of service for other specialists.

He joined the RMPA in 1951, served on its Council, and when the College was formed in 1971 became our first Dean. The job involved setting up the Approval panels and visits and supervising the introduction of the Membership Examination. His experience with the Approval exercise has been invaluable to him as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training. Having completed five years as Dean he became Vice-President for the years 1978 and 1979.

These are merely a few of Rawnsley's contributions to the College so far, and we can look forward to many new developments. He has indicated that he hopes to consolidate the work already started rather than make any immediate changes, and to move towards a further raising of training standards through the activities of the Central Approval Panel. He also wishes to encourage a wide debate within the College on the form and timing of the Membership Examination.

He believes passionately in the importance of the medical contribution to psychiatric care, and under his leadership we can expect further definition of the psychiatrist's role with respect to the other professions working in the mental health service. He plans to continue the tradition established by his predecessors by visiting the Divisions of the College and getting to know as many members as possible. We are sure that he will have a successful Presidency and we hope that he and his wife, Dr Elinor Kapp, also a psychiatrist, will find their period of office enjoyable. We wish them well.

Tenth Anniversary Reception

The Tenth Anniversary of the College was celebrated with a Reception at the College on Tuesday 16 June, 1981 in the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra and the Honourable Angus Ogilvy.

Members of Council, Court of Electors, representatives of Sections and Divisions and some of those who helped to make the College a reality were invited, as well as the College staff (who were generally deployed to ensure the smooth running of the evening).

Elegant flower arrangements began to appear at strategic points around the College on Monday, and fascinating old photographs of past Presidents and officers adorned the walls. By five o'clock on Tuesday evening everything was ready.

On arrival, Princess Alexandra was greeted by Sir Desmond Pond and introduced to the Honorary Officers and some members of the staff in the entrance hall. She talked to everyone and asked about the College and its adminis-