Out of 2,536 ballot papers sent out by the College staff 1,321 (52·1 per cent) were returned. Of the ballot papers returned 147 (11·2 per cent) were invalid and 14 arrived too late. The main reason for voting papers being invalid was that the blue envelopes in which they were enclosed were not signed by Fellows or Members.'

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Foundation Membership

Affiliates of the College who were members of the former Royal Medico-Psychological Association, and who wish to appeal to the Court of Electors for Foundation Membership on the ground that the post they held on 16.6.71 was of consultant status in the N.H.S., or equivalent status elsewhere, are reminded that if they have not already appealed for Foundation Membership they should send full details to the Court of Electors before 16 June 1973.

Chandos House

The *Journal* office has received several enquiries from readers as to whether copies of Miss Charlotte Halliday's drawing of the exterior of Chandos House, reproduced in the June issue of *News and Notes*, could be made available. There are probably many other psychiatrists who would like to have this very attractive drawing of the first home of their College in a form suitable for framing, and it has therefore been decided, with the agreement of Miss Halliday and the Royal Society of Medicine, to offer copies $13\frac{1}{4}$ in. × $9\frac{3}{4}$ in., on antique laid paper, at a cost of 20p each, including postage and packing. Orders, enclosing remittance (cheques should be made out to the Royal College of Psychiatrists), should be sent to the *Journal* office, Royal College of Psychiatrists, Chandos House, 2 Queen Anne Street, London, W1M 9LE.

THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

Annual Report (1971) of The National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children

Any report by a major consumer organization like the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children must be carefully noted by the professionals in the field.

Like many other well-established and sophisticated consumer bodies of this kind, it is run on behalf of the handicapped by skilled, paid, full-time professional officers, 19 of whom are listed inside the back cover of this report. The distinguished patrons and key committee members are listed on page 1. Pages 2 and 3 list the Executive Committee, specialist panels, boards and board of management of the four residential and training facilities run by the Society. These include names of society officers and experts in various aspects of care of the mentally handicapped. The committees and panels include parents, who, in addition to being 'specialists' by virtue of their experience in the care of mentally handicapped children in their own homes, have become recognized experts in the formulation of Government policies on providing services for the mentally handicapped. As changes in Government policy may directly influence the lives of these parents and their children, their views in particular need attention.

The Report for 1971 is aptly titled 'Challenge for Change'. Page 4 spells out the three most significant events of the year.

1. The transfer of responsibility for educating mentally handicapped children from the DHSS to the Department of Education and Science.
2. The establishment of Local Authority Social

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