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I do not know much about the Royal Society of Arts except that it is very well recognized. However, it is, of course, not anything like The Royal Society, since it has 10,000 members. My impression is that it is more like the British Association or, in the U.S., the New York Academy of Sciences, where also one is asked to let one's name stand for election which is then practically automatic. One might consider it as just a way of increasing membership.

The fact that the Duke of Edinburgh is President at the present time certainly indicates a society that is taken very seriously in Britain. I would think that you would not need to feel under any obligation to accept the nomination but that, on the other hand, membership would have certain small advantages while in Britain which might be worth the £6.00 dues.

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