

Presidential Message

The Federal Council was heartened by the extremely good response to the recent postal ballot, and members are to be commended on their active interest in the Society affairs.

This ballot resulted in acceptance of all but one of the resolutions, by more than a three-fourths majority.

The one proposal which was not acceptable to members was the qualification to membership relating to oral, written, or practical tests.

Now that a higher qualification is a pre-requisite for full membership, the Graduate Education Committee will be asked to investigate the possibility of a co-ordination of teaching requirements by the orthodontic departments of the Australian Universities.

The Fifth Congress promises to be a very successful function with far-reaching effects, since recent enquiries would indicate that we may even have some Japanese participation in the programme.

Excellent facilities in Melbourne have been obtained allowing ample scope for silent clinic presentations. Do not hesitate to advise the representatives, who have been appointed in your State, of your willingness to participate.

—R.C.C.