

PRESIDENTIAL BRANCH REPORTS

Australian Society of Orthodontics

New South Wales

The year 1972-73 has been a rather quiet one as far as general business of our Branch was concerned. The main topic discussed was Australian Dental Plans and we are pleased to note that our member, Dr. R. H. Abbott, is now a Director of that Company. Dick has given much time to Australian Dental Plans and has been able to ensure that Orthodontics has been received in a more favourable light than was originally anticipated by the originators of the scheme.

In January, we lost a friend, a past Patron and Honorary Member of our Branch when Professor Arnott died. The condolences of the Branch were forwarded to Mrs. Arnott and family.

Dr. G. R. Dunn is now first Vice-President of the Australian Dental Association (New South Wales Branch) and we are pleased once again to see our members rising to high office in the Australian Dental Association.

Dr. R. Y. Norton is listed as a Lecturer at the Third International Orthodontic Congress. He has been active in encouraging other members to attend the meeting, and he himself is still very active in international dental organisations.

During the year we have held four general meetings and the Annual Clinical Day today. Lectures were given by guests, Dr. G. C. Craig, and Mr. P. J. Davidson, as well as various members of our Society. Of the two scheduled business meetings, one was closed immediately after being opened, for lack of business and the other meeting was cancelled for the same reason. It would appear that it would be best if business meetings were extra meetings organised when needed rather than scheduled because the Executive thought one would be needed about that time.

During the two years that I have been honoured to be President, our membership has risen by two members with noticeable falls in Provisional and Associate Membership but a significant rise in Full Members, the present situation being

- 36 Full Members
- 3 Provisional Members
- 25 Associate Members
- 1 Student Member.

The election of officers to be held today will be the last for 18 months, the next being in November-December, 1974. This will bring our Branch into line with all other State Branches.

In concluding, I wish to thank the outgoing officers for their help during my term and trust that the incoming office-bearers will enjoy their term as we have ours.

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South Australia

It gives me pleasure to present the President's Report for 1973, on the activities of the South Australian Branch of the Australian Society of Orthodontists.

The year has been a successful and interesting one although uneventful. Membership has increased slightly even though we have lost two members who have moved from this State. Total membership now stands at Twenty-two. Average attendance of monthly meetings has been seventeen, indicating a healthy interest in Society activities.

It has been unfortunate that our Patron, Dr. Tasman Brown, has been away on study leave for much of the year. Normally, Dr. Brown attends most meetings of the Branch and has a great deal to offer us. I take this opportunity to express our pleasure at his return and hope that we will be able to see more of him next year.

To date, seven monthly meetings have been held, with no meeting in July owing to the Australian Dental Congress. Pleasures in the future for us lie in the visit of Dr. D. G. Woodside in November. Dr. Woodside's visit will conclude with the Branch dinner to which he has been invited, together with other professional dignitaries.

Meetings have been held as previously at the Hotel Australia, being preceded by dinner. A fair proportion of our members have availed themselves of this chance to mix socially and informally with each other. It is to be hoped that this practice will continue.

The format of meetings this year was changed in order to eliminate case presentations. The method of presenting cases had become cumbersome owing to the increased numbers at meetings. Case presentations have been replaced by a review of current literature. Any item of interest from a current journal was selected by a nominated member and a short precis of the article was presented to members. This has been accepted well and is probably of more general interest than case presentations.

A further change was made in order to involve more members in the presentation of papers. It was decided that two papers should be presented at each meeting, each paper by a different member. This was to be in addition to the review of the literature. Although making for a more interesting programme, this scheme has unduly lengthened meetings. Some changes will need to be made in this respect in the coming year. The existing scheme of starting the meeting with the scientific programme and concluding with business has been continued.

The Branch has again been fortunate in that an overseas orthodontist has lived in our midst for some time. Our visitor in this case is Dr. David Dixon, Consultant Orthodontist from Sunderland, United Kingdom. Dr. Dixon addressed members at the meeting in June.

Although from time to time joint meetings have been held with other Societies, this year there was a remarkable joint meeting with the South Australian Branches, of the Australian Society of Endodontology, The Australian and New Zealand Society of Oral Surgeons, and the Australian Society of Periodontology. Four short papers were presented, each by a representative of each Society.

The saga of specialist registration continues. Although no proposals have yet been presented by the State Dental Board, it appears that we are closer to achieving our goal in the establishment of a specialist register. Many delays have occurred in negotiations concerning requirements by the specialist societies for specialist recognition. Although the Australian Society of Orthodontists' policy on specialisation was decided in March, 1972, the Dental Board of South Australia has been unable to make any definite proposal to this date. This has been brought about by unprecedented delays in communication, together with the extraordinary number of bodies who have become involved. Apart from the specialist societies, The University, The Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons and The Australian Dental Association have been involved. It is difficult to understand why these involved inter-relationships should be necessary. It is difficult to understand why, for example, specialist registration in orthodontics should be linked in any way with specialist registration in oral surgery.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members for their support of the activities of this Branch throughout the year. No society can flourish if its members do not participate in its activities. It is to be hoped that in the future, our Society will advance with resource and enthusiasm due to the influx of young, out-looking new graduates. It is in their hands that our future lies.

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Queensland

It is my pleasant duty, as President of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Society of Orthodontists to present the 18th Annual Report.

Our membership increased by two this year, making a total of 29. One associate membership lapsed through failure to pay the subscription. There are now two honorary members, twelve full members, two provisional members, eleven associate members and two on leave of absence.

There is an application for membership from Dr. Neil Costello, awaiting Federal approval.

There were seven meetings and two executive meetings during the year.

In February, Dr. Terry Freer spoke on "Some Background to the Tweed Technique", as he had recently returned from twelve months study leave in the United States.

Professor Ballard arrived in March and rested a few days at the South Coast, thanks to Dr. Bob Rickleman for making his unit available. He spoke to our Branch in Brisbane on "Orthodontic Education and Services in the U.K.". He was presented with an Australian oil painting on behalf of the Australian Society of Orthodontists and his past students by Dr. Bob Rickleman.

Our next meeting was held in April. Dr. Ken O'Keeffe presented a case of "Autogenous Transplant of a Bicuspid", Dr. David Robertson spoke on "The Taking of Bimolar X-rays and a series of interesting problem cases" and Dr. Bob Rickleman presented "A Lower Incisor Extraction case to illustrate problems in Diagnosis and Selection".

As the Australian Dental Association Congress was in July our next meeting was held in August. Dr. Don O'Donoghue presented a case of a "Class III malocclusion treated by a Surgical Orthodontic Method." Dr. Stan Paul reported on the Cleft Palate Seminar held earlier this year at Royal Adelaide Hospital. Dr. Bob Greenhill, a new associate member, spoke on "The Team Approach to Treatment on Cleft Lip and Palate Cases in Brisbane".

In September, Dr. John Smyth, a specialist periodontist lectured on "The Periodontal Implications of Orthodontic Treatment". Also, Dr. Jim Hawkins' audio-visual sequence on "Surgery Planning in 1973" was heard and discussed.

Currently we are attending an interesting series of lectures by Professor Donald Woodside, whose talking book on "Vertical Dimension" was circulated during the year.

This year was marred by the sad passing of Dr. Alf Hoole, who had been Director of Dental Services in Queensland for many years.

Three innovations add to our changing scene:

1. Australian Dental Association (Q'land Branch) "Christensen House" was opened this year and has become our new meeting place.
2. Australian Dental Plans has just been formed and support is being sought from all branches of the profession to ensure a good start to this project.
3. A fee schedule has been issued again this year as a guideline to orthodontists, and is to be reviewed at regular intervals.

Our congratulations go to Dr. John Moffatt, who as Editor of the Australian Orthodontic Journal, maintains an international standard in this publication.

We extend our thanks to our Patron, Dr. John Sagar, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry and President of the Australian Dental Association (Q'land Branch), for his interest in our Society.

In conclusion, my thanks to the members of the executive and especially Dr. Keith Hoole, who as Secretary, did most of the work, and to all members of the Society for their support.

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Western Australia

During the year 1973, the Western Australian Branch held four General Meetings, in April, June, September and November. The meeting in November was a Special Meeting; it was to discuss the arrangements for Professor and Mrs. Donald Woodside's visit and also the proposed Workshop to be held for the A.D.A. members. This Workshop has been on our agenda for a few years and at long last it has materialised. It is anticipated to be held in April 1974. Messrs. McGibbon, Heagney and Kirkness will be the principal lecturers for that programme, the theme of which will be "Extractions for General Orthodontic Practice".

During the year, papers were presented by Messrs. Tim Lam on "Treatment of an impacted upper canine", Lloyd Trotter on "Treatment of non-extraction cases", Vince Williams on "Treatment of an open bite", and Gordon Kirkness on "Mandibular movements of the monkey". A short summary of the recent Third International Orthodontic Congress was presented by Messrs. Lloyd Trotter and myself.

The highlight of this year's activities is the visit of Professor Donald Woodside who is the Foundation guest lecturer. It is obvious the Foundation deserves our full support.

On numerous occasions, members were urged to prepare for a project or projects suitable to be presented at the 8th Australian Orthodontic Congress which will be held in Perth in 1980. It is my sincere hope and wish that the in-coming Committee will give this matter serious consideration.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the two Committee members, Messrs. Tim Lam and Vince Williams for their help during the year.

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"Don't worry about finding your station in life; sometime, someone will tell you where to get off."

This quotation, although a trifle facetious gives ample expression to the mixed feelings of a president having seen the society through the

turbulence of two years of growth and change and trusting for some future worthwhile evolment.

Nineteen seventy-one saw the end of the period of the Orthodontic Society sorting out its feelings on what were traumatic subjects — "What constitutes a specialist?", "What educational standards will the Society accept?", and "Is there a need for an Australian Orthodontic Board?" These subjects were having a peculiarly divisive effect on the membership and this could be expressed by — "Irritation is like friction — it is likely to generate heat instead of progress." Nevertheless, out of this turbulence, clear politics evolved and during the same period the Constitution of the Society was reviewed. The previous executive had faced many and long meetings coping with these tasks. Fortunately, these subjects had then to be merely finalised and future aspects to be faced.

With support from a united executive and the willing assistance of two competent secretaries, firstly Dr. Dennis McDonald and subsequently Dr. Stan Jacobs, many difficulties were minimised. In establishing a style of administration there were basically two objectives. Firstly, to unite and encourage communication at all levels within the membership and, secondly, to consider the needs of orthodontic practice and emphasise this area in the development of the programme. At the communication level, amazing dividends were achieved merely by providing members with a simple supper after meetings and the opportunity to stay and converse rather than rapidly leaving from meeting. Further, members from Victoria had the opportunity of working together for the Fifth Australian Orthodontic Congress, and in so doing the Branch itself gained from the united efforts of men so accustomed to working as individuals. The Congress fell virtually in the middle of the term of office and the Branch had the pleasure of playing host to interstate and overseas visitors at a welcoming function on the Sunday evening immediately prior to the Congress.

With the object of encouraging interest in practice a complete dinner meeting was devoted to the subject of "Practice Management" when the Branch was addressed by Dr. Rhys Milner, chairman of the Practice Administration sub-committee of the A.D.A. (Victorian Branch) and by one of our own members Dr. John Binns. The speakers were supported by a slide-sequence on the subject. In addition, the Branch felt it was partly influential in encouraging the Survey of Orthodontic Practice completed by the Federal Executive in September, 1972.

On clinical aspects, the subjects of Facial Orthopaedics was covered by lectures firstly from Professor E. Storey on "Orthopaedic Orthodontics — Fact or Fiction" as the initial lecturer for 1971, when material was presented which had just recently formed the basis for a lecture

series in the U.S.A. Secondly, Dr. Tony Sutton presented a lecture in September 1972, titled "Directional Control of Forces Applied to the Maxilla which has undergone Rapid Expansion". A further lecture given by one of our own members in May 1972 was "Root Resorption" and delivered by Dr. Phil Black.

The Branch enjoyed, in addition, lectures from related fields, when in May 1971, Mr. Hunter Fry spoke on "Some Aspects of Plastic Surgery of the Face". This was supported by information from his researches into trauma to the nose during infancy setting up inter-locked stresses in the nasal cartilage which ultimately result in deviations of the septum and maxillary growth deformities. A further lecture in July 1972 from Dr. Ron Kingston, a psychiatrist, entitled "On Becoming" proved successful with members who were so enthralled that they were reticent to leave at the end of the lecture, as the question time continued on. Dr. Kingston discussed the influences of environment in the first year of life on the developing personality, and laid stress on the important role of the mother. Members felt a greater understanding of personality, but at the end were faced with the fact that amongst their patients — "Some teenagers are too old to do the things kids do and not old enough to do the things adults do, so they do the things that nobody else does". In November 1972 Dr. J. Martin, first assistant in the Department of Medicine of the Austin Hospital gave a lecture entitled "Calcium and Bone" in which he discussed research concepts occurring in this field in recent times and the role of calcitonin.

In September 1971, the Branch had two visiting lecturers from overseas. Firstly, Dr. Fujio Miura, Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University delivered a lecture on "A New Direct Bonding System for Plastic Brackets" and was aided by an interpreter Dr. Glan Masunaga from Honolulu. At the time the information supported with a motion picture on the technique was a new approach to orthodontic techniques. The second overseas lecturer was Professor Don Hilgers from Loyola University, Chicago, who lectured on a Sunday morning as the only time available in a tight schedule. Over twenty members attended and remained enthralled for the full two hours of the lecture on Orthodontic Education and on Concepts of Occlusion.

Two Clinical Days were held, one in November 1971 and the second in August 1972. In November 1971, Dr. Keith Godfrey visited from the Department of Preventative Dentistry, University of Sydney, and gave two lectures, the first on Cleft Palate Management and the second on Orthodontic Education. Portions of both lectures were given by Mrs. Lynette Creulich, speech therapist to the Royal Melbourne Dental Hospital on "Speech Therapy and Orthodontia" and also

by Dr. Peter Botting on "The Application of Mini-forces to Teeth", a subject on which he had completed research towards a Master's Degree.

At the second Clinical Day, the Branch was fortunate to enjoy three lectures from Professor Ernest Hixon who had recently taken up the post of Dean of the Dental School, University of Otago, having vacated his position at the University of Portland, Oregon. The lectures proved to be a mixture of theory, culture, and practical application to orthodontics. Professor Hixon spoke on the future development of the dental field in New Zealand, also on his research on the Otomi (Mexican) Indian and on measuring techniques in cephalometry as well as forces associated with tooth movement. One of our own members, Dr. Barry Mollenhauer, presented a paper on "Surgery as an Adjunct to Orthodontics" showing a personal approach used in practice whereby periodontal surgery was used to enhance orthodontic results. In addition a slide sequence by Dr. Andrew Haas on Rapid Expansion of the Maxilla, loaned from the University of Sydney, completed the programme. The Branch subsequently showed the slide sequence to the dental students and technicians at the Dental School with the intention of encouraging an interest in orthodontics.

At this stage, it was the sad duty of the President to inform members that two recent lecturers, Professor Ernest Hixon and Dr. Peter Botting had met untimely deaths in car accidents. Expressions of sorrow had been forwarded to the relatives from the Branch.

In February 1972, just prior to the Fifth Australian Orthodontic Congress, an open business meeting was held to consider proposals from the Federal Council and to discuss Congress arrangements. It was a worthwhile occasion allowing members free expression on Society matters. The Congress followed in March and some small degree of success can perhaps be attributed to members' willingness to become involved.

During the period of office some innovations tried were dinner meetings and encouraging a more clinical outlook towards the Society by use of items of interest and patient treatment reports at meetings.

Finally, further credit must be given to the efforts Dr. Dennis McDonald and Dr. Stan Jacobs made in their roles as secretaries maintaining communication and cohesiveness of activities within the Branch, and contributing behind the scenes particularly to the organisation of Clinical Days, checking various venues and facilities, all of which takes more energy and time than most members realise. Thanks should also be given to the other members of the executive, Dr. Geoff Quail, Dr. Phil Black and Dr. Tony Sutton for their willing support and guidance.

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