

Presidential Branch Reports

NEW SOUTH WALES

When planning the activities for the year just concluded, the executive sought not only to provide variety in the syllabus but to ensure that the dominant feature of each meeting was the lecture or clinical discussion. There had been occasions in the past, though without deliberate intention, when the lecturers had been ascribed a secondary place; there is hardly any need to spell out the several disadvantages of this situation in a Society which exists primarily for the study and advancement of orthodontics.

As a result of the emphasis being directed towards the lecture, I believe the quality of our meetings has been enhanced; yet, those who have had special business to discuss sometimes have been frustrated. So it became clear that periodic business or work meetings should be given a place in our activities; one such meeting has taken place and further work meetings are planned.

Healthy and frank discussion of matters relating to the practice of the specialty or concerned with the post-graduate education or concerning effective Society membership are desirable facets of the life of the Branch, salutary to its well-being and consistent with the objects of its existence. Yet we must be careful not to be enticed into political debate, or discussion relating to the private and democratic freedom of the individual. We are fortunate to have a united branch, the quality of its fellowship being unimpaired by the several professional philosophies of its members.

To review the events of the year means going back to Clinical Day 1969, when we were privileged to welcome as our principal lecturer, Mr. Gordon Hinrichsen of Melbourne. His personal experience of research methods at the Melbourne Dental School provided Mr. Hinrichsen with the opportunity to give us an insight into the "Mechanism of Orthodontic Research" and to describe the "Application of Research Technique to Orthodontic Practice." Richard Hay provided a well thought out resume of "Dark Room Procedures and Selection of Materials for Radiography," and "An Evaluation of Currently Available Impression Materials" was very ably presented by James Hawkins. The text of these lectures has since

been published in the Australian Orthodontic Journal. Representatives of the Begg Study Group, David Hellstrom and James Mackie also captured our interest with case reports, which provoked worthwhile discussion.

The theme of our September meeting was "Treatment of Malocclusions where the significant problem is crowding of the lower incisor teeth." The essayists on this occasion were David Hellstrom and Stuart McCrostie and discussion was most fruitful.

In November, the Branch participated in the programme of the A.S.O. Foundation, which presented a day-long lecture course by Mr. Darryle Bowden, the subject being, "Longitudinal Growth Research and the Orthodontist."

"The Edgewise Mechanism" was the title of David Taylor's contribution to our February Meeting. On this occasion we also welcomed Mr. Andrew Young, recipient of the E. C. Gates Memorial prize for proficiency in orthodontics in final year.

A social evening in the form of a Society Dinner was held in March, and the fellowship, in the company of our lady folk, was much enjoyed as was the lecture "Preparing Children for Security" presented by educationist, Mr. Donald McLean.

A few of our members represented the Branch at a Meeting of the Australian Society of Prosthodontists at their March Meeting which considered problems of mutual interest.

Two meetings took place in April, one being a business meeting called to discuss aspects of the function of the Australian Orthodontic Board, and other matters. The second meeting was addressed by Sydney Levine who provided food for thought and discussion, through his lecture entitled "The Orthodontist, Malocclusion and Periodontal Disease."

Clinical Day 1970, our 11th, has just concluded and I leave it to my successor to report on this.

Our Membership register now records two honorary life members, twenty-five full members, nine provisional members and twenty-eight associate members — a total of sixty-four.

For many years, the numerical strength of associate members of this Branch, far exceeded

that of specialist members — and it was in my previous report that special mention was made concerning the value of the general practitioner associate in this Society. It has been brought to my attention, however, that some of our associate members retain their affiliation solely through the payment of membership dues. This situation must be remedied and a more definite indication of the members' interest in orthodontics will be required when the next membership renewal notice is sent.

For the unfailing loyalty and co-operation of all members of the Executive I would record my thanks. Special mention is made of the meticulous care taken by our custodian of

finances Pat Kline and of the valuable support of the honorary Auditor, Mr. Ross Smith. The honorary Secretary has had a considerable burden to carry and for Jim Hawkins' most capable attention to his duties in this role we are most grateful. I am sure he would like me to mention also the assistance given by Dick Hay in recording the minutes of our meetings.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as your President, and for this privilege and your encouragement, I thank you all sincerely.

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It is my pleasant duty as President of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Orthodontic Society to review our activities over the past year. It has been an historic year in orthodontics in this State as it saw the retirement from practice of our two senior members. Dr. Bernie Rosenstengel, the pioneer of orthodontics in this State, has given nearly half a century of orthodontic service to the community. Dr. Vic Webb, the second man to practice orthodontics exclusively in Queensland has also retired after nearly a quarter of a century of private practice. Both of these men were mainstays of this Society, at both the State and Federal level. Both gave unstintingly of their time, energies and abilities over many years, to this Society, dentistry and the community. The extent of the affection and regard in which you held these men was evidenced by the attendance at the Joint Testimonial Dinner our State Branch gave to Dr. Rosenstengel and Dr. Webb in June. On your behalf I wish them a long and contented retirement.

This year was also historic in that it saw the first two candidates begin an organised, full-time, two year course leading to a Master of Dental Science degree in Orthodontics. Other candidates have obtained this degree in the past, but not on a full-time course basis. For this great development in orthodontic graduate education in this State we have to thank our Patron, Professor George Davies, who as Dean of the Dental Faculty was instrumental in making this course possible. Our thanks must go to two of our own members, both Senior Lecturers on the staff of the Faculty, Mr. Clyde Winzar and Mr. Terry Freer, who have accepted the tremendous amount of extra work and responsibility that a graduate programme must entail.

Our lecture programme for the year began with a Saturday afternoon course, "Space Management" and "The Practice of Preventive Dentistry for Children," given in March in Toowoomba by Mr. J. Brown. A very enjoyable joint social with the Toowoomba dentists was organised by our Toowoomba members Mr. Reg Wenck and Dr. Ian Gibson.

No meeting was held in May because the Australian Dental Congress was held in Brisbane.

Our testimonial farewell dinner to Drs. Webb and Rosenstengel in June was followed by a lecture from Mr. S. Paul on "Retention."

In August Mr. J. Jago addressed us on "Some Problems Involved in Making Orthodontic Care Available to all who Need it."

The highlight of our lecture programme was the two day course given by Dr. T. Graber. I am sure that everyone who attended Dr. Graber's lectures gained a great deal, and his visit will certainly influence the way most of us will practice orthodontics in the future. On your behalf I would like to thank the Executive of the Australian Orthodontic Society Foundation for Research and Education for making Dr. Graber's visit to our State possible, and to congratulate them on the choice of the visiting lecturer. With this in mind I would like to remind you all that the Foundation relies on members' donations for its finance to make such outstanding lecturers available to us.

Finally I would like to thank all the Executive members of this Branch of the Society, for their help and assistance in conducting the affairs of the Branch over the past twelve months.

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