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President's Message

In the October issue of the Newsletter, I made a plea for Regents of the Australasian Section to arrange dinner meetings of Fellows within their respective States, and I am delighted to report that the response to this request has been overwhelming.

As a result, since last October, Meetings have been held in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane, and yet another for New Zealand Fellows will be held in Auckland on 15th August, during the Biennial Meeting of the New Zealand Dental Association. In addition, an Induction Ceremony is being planned for recently elected Fellows in that country.

The dinner meetings to date have been an outstanding success as clearly judged, not only by their record attendances but also by the enthusiastic conversation which permeated the atmosphere of every dinner, followed by an obvious reluctance of Fellows and their wives to depart afterwards.

On each occasion I was afforded the opportunity of addressing the assembled guests on College activities currently being planned for the Section, and at two of the meetings, by invitations unsuccessfully resisted I combined this address with that of the role of Guest Speaker.

In Melbourne, Regent Ren Newbury selected a most interesting Speaker in the person of Mr Ewan Tilley, mining engineer of the Ashton Mining Company, who enthralled everyone - Fellows and wives alike - with an enlightening account of the huge diamond deposits at Argyle, in the North West of Western Australia.

A quite different but equally interesting Speaker was selected by Treasurer Rupert Dingle for the Brisbane dinner. Sir Wallace Rae ("call me Wally"), a former Minister in the Bjelke-Peterson Government gave a most amusing account of his experiences "From Longreach to London" together with some entertaining anecdotes about the famous "Joh".

The Adelaide dinner was held in the dignified surroundings of The Adelaide Club. Vice President John Lavis was responsible for the evening and arranged the usual high standard of cuisine and wines expected from our South Australian Fellows.

Incidentally attendance at each of the dinners was in excess of forty Fellows and wives, a really excellent response.

KEN SUTHERLAND
President.

Congratulations

Ren Newbury C.B.E. has been elected to the position of President-Elect of the FDI. Ren, a past President of the ADA has served FDI as a Councillor since 1975 and then as Treasurer for the last four years. As fellows know Ren still finds time to serve as a Regent of our Section.

Professor A.M. Horsnell, A.O., M.R.C.S. (Eng), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), F.D.S.R.C.S. (Eng.), F.R.A.C.D.S., F.I.C.D.

Congratulations are extended to Professor Horsnell upon his award of Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List.

Professor Horsnell qualified in the United Kingdom in 1934 and served in the Medical Branch of the Royal Air Force during the war. Later he became Dental Dean at the London Hospital Medical College Dental School for nine years until he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Dental Science in the University of Adelaide in 1959.

On coming to Australia he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the welfare of the Adelaide Dental School and played a large part in the growth of the School into four departments and in the rebuilding of the Dental Hospital. He was Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry for a total of eight years and also took part in the wider University life, providing an input in a number of areas where a dental voice had not been heard before.

Outside the University, Professor Horsnell was active in the Australian Dental Association in many capacities including Vice-President of the 21st Congress. He is a Past President of the Australian Society of Dentistry for Children and of the S.A. Section of I.A.D. R. He has also been Honorary Consultant Dental Surgeon to three major teaching hospitals in South Australia.

From the moment they arrived here Professor Horsnell and his family set out to work for Australia as Australians. It is therefore gratifying that this award coincided with the twenty-fifth anniversary of their landing in Adelaide.

Gordon Rowell A.O.C.B.E. retired from practice at the end of January. Gordon's services to the profession have been recorded in many places. He was President of the Australasian Section 1971-78 and President of the College itself 1977-78. He is still the Section's representative on the Executive Council of the College.

The College is very proud of the achievements of these three Fellows, all of whom have served dentistry untiringly and with great distinction. Fuller tributes have been paid to their activities in other places but we as a College must add our congratulations.

An historic happening took place on Friday 30th March 1984. This was the occasion of the First Meeting of the Board of Regents other than at time of an ADA Congress. The Board was unanimous in its earlier decision that to administer efficiently the affairs of the College the Regents should meet at least once between Congresses.

President Ken welcomed a full attendance to a meeting which ran from 10a.m. to 4.20p.m. with a brief luncheon break. The College takes this opportunity to record its thanks to the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons for the use of their Council Rooms.

Information from the Board.

Constitution

The constitution which has been up-dated over the previous two meetings was adopted. With the August - September issue of the Newsletter every Fellow will be sent a copy.

Nominations

A number of nominations were formally before the Regents and in due time the names of those elected will be made known.

Change of Status.

The Board approved of the following becoming Life Members (all have retired from practice). Bob Sharp (ACT) Ian Crapp (VIC) John Sagar (QLD) Reg Johnson (WA) Ken Sutherland (WA) and Graham Rowell (NSW). The last two are still officers of the Sections but the change in no way affects their positions.

Finance

The Audited Statement to 30th June 1983 was accepted - which was very satisfactory. As a result no alteration in the subscription of Aus \$35.00 was considered.

The auditor pointed out that the College by virtue of its "non-mutual income" (derived from investments) may be liable to income tax. This position is being further investigated.

From I.C.D. Central Office

The Registrar reported that advice was to hand that Roster of Members had been circulated and in the future this would be printed only every three years. A Newsletter was in preparation for distribution in the Spring. Membership lists were now on computer print out.

College Projects

1. Australian Dental School Libraries - All dental schools in Australia and New Zealand have accepted the offer by the College to purchase a Text book or Journal subscription. This averaged at about \$80 for each of the six schools.

2. Burma Dental School - Burma Dental Association is restocking the Library of the Dental School. Apparently the library was very rundown and we have supplied a number of Journals - these have been provided largely by Geoff Grundy and Rupert Dingle both of Queensland. Also Kendal Binns has a case of Journals awaiting collection. The College is very appreciative of their generous donations.

3. Tonga - We have continued to send Journals to their Dental Service. They requested electric motors with cord-driven arm - Eric Gee has donated two such units. The College appreciates Eric's generosity.

4. The College wishes to set up its activities to assist developing areas. Several proposals have been considered and further study will be undertaken by a subcommittee of Derek Freeman, Gordon Rowell and the Registrar. If any Fellow has a constructive proposal we would be happy to receive details.

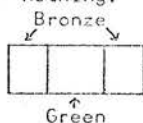
ADA COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

The College received an invitation to make a submission to the Inquiry. The Board after considering this decided that at this stage it would not in its own name make a submission. On the other hand the College realizes the importance of the Inquiry and urges fellows to make individual submissions.

LAPEL BARS

Fellows may have noticed a small coat lapel bar worn by overseas Fellows. These are widely used in the U.S.A. and Europe but here we prefer the small gold miniature key. If Fellows wish a bar, I have a limited supply at the exorbitant price of - nothing.

Length about 15c.m.



NEW ZEALAND BIENNIAL CONFERENCE AUCKLAND

During the NZDA Conference the Australasian Section will be holding a luncheon for Fellows and wives on Wednesday 15th August 12.30p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel (Congress Location). President Ken will be present and with the assistance of Paul Swinburn and John Howie will be inducting fellows from the "land of the long white cloud". Any Fellows interested should contact Dr Paul Swinburn: 41 Symonds Street AUCKLAND.

CONVOCATION BRISBANE 1985

The College will be holding a Convocation during ADA Congress. Special Note for your diary Sunday 12th May 2p.m. to 4.30p.m. Sheraton-Brisbane Hotel. You will receive detailed advice in March next year.

I.C.D. MEETING AT TOKYO FDI CONGRESS 1983

The International College meeting in Tokyo which took the form of a buffet luncheon for Fellows and wives was held on Friday 18th November and attracted an attendance of about 60 persons. The gathering was one of friendly conviviality with the over-riding atmosphere of Japanese hospitality and friendship.

Formal proceedings were at an absolute minimum, probably due to the communication barrier. This unfortunately prevented the exchange of greetings between the various sections and the host country. Fellows were there from the Philippine, European and Indian Sections while the Australasian Section had a good roll up.

To the best of my recollections after having lunched with Peter Hanedoes and Martin Castellans (both from the Netherlands) and our own Ewan Deane in the company with Suntory (both varieties), our Section was ably represented by - Jim and Joan Rattray, Peter Barnard, Vin Amerena, Michael and Mirium Bennett (Innisfail Queensland) John and Patsy Howie and Gus and Wynnie Guise (from New Zealand).

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A number of other Australasian Fellows were at the Congress but other commitments prevented their attendance at the luncheon.

If I have missed out one or more of our Fellows who attended the luncheon, my apologies - I shall buy you a Suntory when you remind me.

Registrar.

PERSONALIA

From the West

Ken Sutherland arranged a dinner meeting for W.A. Fellows and their wives. After dinner and following a short Presidential address on College activities, guests adjourned to see Ken's 8mm. cine sound film on "China". Although in his second year of retirement Ken still lectures to final year students on a part-time basis, and retains the position of President of the Dental Board of W.A. He is chairman of the Australian Dental Examining Council which held its second meeting in Melbourne on 31st November, 1983.

Apologies to Spyros Halikis for not recording his A.M. Honour in our August '83 Newsletter. Our belated but none the less sincere congratulations. Spyros continues to lead a busy life as A.D.A. Federal Treasurer. He also attended the F.D.I. Meeting in Tokyo last November.

Tom Goodall retired from his position of Senior Lecturer in Dental Science, University of W.A. at the end of 1983, but has accepted an appointment as part-time teacher in Prosthodontics at the Dental School.

Amongst Alf Smith's peripatetic activities he managed to squeeze in the F.D.I. Meeting at Tokyo last year. He is still a member of the Perth Dental Hospital Board of Management.

Des Kailis is Federal President of the Australian Society of Dentistry for Children.

John Prichard, as a nominee of the Dental Board of W.A., attended the Meeting of the Australian Dental Examining Council held on 31st November last year.

From Victoria

Very special mention of John Wark C.B.E. who has served dentistry untiringly and well ever since graduation. He has retired from the Dental Board of Victoria after 25 years - congratulations.

Stan and Eric Kings, sprung the big surprise by retiring from practice January 3rd, Stan still continuing with his ADA Presidential duties, whilst Eric is taking life easily at Somers catching golf balls with fish-hooks. Alan Parker also retired from city practice whilst retaining part-time activity at Hamilton and Syd Warneke completed an excellent and innovative year as Victorian Branch President of ADA.

Bob Cook tried to improve his tennis 14,000 feet up in Nepal, Don Behrend was skiing at Zermatt in January, whilst Norman Webster was last seen heading downhill at Aspen en route to the mid-winter meeting in Chicago.

Effie Ehrmann had a few problems last year recalling his native German to lecture to the Post Graduate Annual Summer Conference of the German Dental Association at Merano Italy, but acquitted himself well.

Vin Amerena is Chairman of Federal ADA Therapeutics Advisory Committee while Doug Loader is Consultant Dental Officer, Veteran Affairs, in Victoria having taken over from another fellow Ted Campbell.

Laurie Williams has completed 12 years on the Dental Board, Fred Widdop is President and John Harcourt is Honorary Secretary of ADA (Victorian Branch); congratulations to you both.

From New Zealand

Sandy Macalister is very active in Rotary being the Trustee of a Fund which handles many thousands of dollars annually.

Dick King and John Howie were both at RACDS Convocation in Brisbane accompanied by their charming wives.

From Queensland

John Sagar retired from the University on 2nd July last year. During his undergraduate days he became President of the Student Association in 1941 and rowed in the University VIII 1938 to 1940 and ultimately became Coach and President of the Boat Club. He has been a lecturer at the Queensland Dental School since 1942 finally becoming head of the Department of Oral Surgery in 1971. He was Dean of the Faculty 1961 and again 1971 to 1974. John studied in Toronto 1948 (gaining his D.D.S.) and in London 1960 and 61 and again in 1967. A past President of ADA (Queensland Branch) and a former Federal Councillor also Honorary Secretary of ADA Congress 1970 in Brisbane. The College is proud to have John as a Fellow and the opportunity is taken to wish he and Nancy a long and happy retirement.

Neil Henry Federal Vice President of ADA was elected to the FDI Commission on Dental Education and Practice at Tokyo Congress.

From N.S.W.

Tom Boshier is now Honorary Treasurer of ADA (NSW Branch). Doreen Musgrave has retired from practice but doubtless she will still be active in the dental world. Don Heffron is Chairman of the Australian Dental Journal Committee.

Alan Watson retired from practice in December but has taken up a part-time appointment at Westmead assisting with handicapped children. In his spare time he hopes to make jewellery. We wish Alan and Nancy well in their altered life style.

All occupants of 175 Macquarie Street received a nasty shock when given six months notice to vacate the building - after much trauma all seem to have re-established. The move brought to an end the location of Alan Watson's & Warwick Read's practice which had been located in that building since it was opened in 1911. Alan retired before the notice to move arrived; we are happy to report Warwick is at 135 Macquarie Street.

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Immediate Past President Derek Freeman did not seek re-election to the Legislative Council at the recent State elections.

Derek has served the profession in many capacities and we acknowledge this service .

Brian Broadbent retired in September and was given a surprise party by members of the Division and some of his close friends. Brian and Shirley left at Christmas for a visit to China and six months in U.K. Have fun-we look forward to your return.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Council of the College met for the first time outside the United States . The meeting was held in Montreal during the annual session of the Canadian Dental Association. Unfortunately our councilman Dr Gordon Rowell was unable to attend. But representation at this meeting was through Dr Bill Thompson immediate Past President of the Canadian Dental Association. The minutes of the meeting have not as yet come to hand but indications were that it was successful and in all probability the College will follow the principle in the future of holding meetings in countries other than the United States.

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

We have tried a new format for the Newsletter this time having put it through the reducer. If any Fellow would like to comment for or against, the Registrar would appreciate comments.

Appreciation

The Registrar is extremely grateful to those Fellows who have assisted in providing information for this Newsletter.

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PLACE : PARTINGTON'S RESTAURANT
SHERATON HOTEL

DATE: WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST 1984

TIME: 12.10p.m. to 1.20p.m.

COST: NZ \$12.00.