

EDITORIAL

Dr. Archie Anderson, our eldest honorary member died on the 4th of November, 1974. A small man, quiet in manner, he was a great man in the hearts of those who knew him, his Christianity, his courtesy, his wit, wisdom, and generosity. He was a senior honorary surgeon of the Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, where among many benefactions, he fostered the establishment of the orthoptic clinic during the nineteen thirties, and its further development, aided by Dr. Frederick Fenton, during the difficult nineteen forties. He set an unforgettable example of selflessness.

An address from Dr. Ronald Lowe opens this journal. It was gratifying to Australian orthoptists, and appropriate, that he should be our patron in 1973, while President of the Australian College of Ophthalmologists, and at a congress having strabismus as a main topic. Among his wide services to ophthalmology as member or leader, on boards and institutions of all sorts, scientific and administrative, he has been active on the Orthoptic Board of Australia, and for eighteen years chaired the successive bodies responsible for orthoptic education in Victoria. Characteristically, his paper directs us to tackle a piece of investigation. Himself a wide reader, tireless in clinical work, writer of over 50 journal articles, he has always endeavoured to keep orthoptists on their toes to meet new challenges.

Dr. Lowe has now relinquished the responsibilities which implied honorary membership of our Association ex-officio. We are glad to say he has accepted continuing membership honoris causa.

Patricia Lance in her review of the Past, Present and Future has failed to mention that she is herself a foundation member of this Association, has been in charge of the New South Wales Orthoptic School for some thirty years, and has made scholarly contributions to our transactions. As first Head of the new Orthoptic School, she has the responsibility of defining and planning the pattern of orthoptic education for years to come. In this she has the full support and confidence of our Association. Miss Valerie Spooner, her assistant, who has put her knowledge and enthusiasm to the service of us all, is a welcome contributor to this journal.

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