

# Reports of Meetings

## The American Society of Orthodontists

The Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the American Society of Orthodontists, which was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, from April 30th to May 3rd, can be characterized as a most efficiently organized and splendidly conducted session. It was attended by approximately five hundred orthodontists, several of whom came from abroad.

The subjects of the essays presented at the various sessions offer a complete picture of the broad foundations upon which the specialty of orthodontia now finds itself superimposed. A most commendable fact associated with the presentations of the various papers was the elimination of all general discussions of the subjects, thus conserving much valuable time and preventing confusion of thought by impromptu presentations which are usually superficial and of very limited value.

One of the outstanding features of the meeting was the Scientific Exhibit. Herein was displayed tangible evidence of the work that is being done in many of the Graduate Schools of Orthodontia. There were all kinds of models and radiograms of cases of unusual clinical interest presented by individuals. A splendid exhibit of radiographic technic of the temporomandibular articulation was to be seen; also the Broadbent cephalometric roentgenographic technic; Dr. Weinberger's collection of orthodontic instruments and textbooks; Dr. Gregory's models and diagrams illustrating the evolution of the human molar, and many other interesting and instructive exhibits. The splendidly arranged and detailed exhibit of the Orthodontic Department of the Graduate School of the University of Illinois should receive special mention.

The Educational Clinics held on the afternoon of May 2nd were well attended. Among these was one on the Edgewise Arch Mechanism, conducted by Dr. Allan G. Brodie. This theoretical presentation of the principles underlying the use of this device was supplemented by a group clinic composed of thirteen members of the Eastern Component Society, who offered for study the practical technical procedures associated with the application of the mechanism. About one hundred were in attendance for this group clinic. Approximately sixty other clinics by individual orthodontists were also listed on the program.

The social side of the program was quite complete, the climax being reached on the evening of May 2nd when the Banquet and Dance was held. The dinner was under the special supervision of the famous Oscar of the

Valdorf and was, of course, most choice. Between the dinner and dance a magnificently illustrated lecture entitled "The Story of the Everglades," was given by Dr. Frank R. Oastler.

The officers and committees who were responsible for the countless details associated with the preparation and conducting of such a large meeting are to be congratulated for the high degree of perfection that characterized the results of their efforts. The President, Dr. Leuman M. Waugh, presided in a most competent and gracious manner and met all emergencies with a remarkable degree of composure. The physical, as well as the mental strain accompanying the responsibilities that are associated with the office of presidency of this National Organization of Orthodontists are a severe tax on any individual and can only be endured and surmounted by the help of a highly efficient organization from which perfect co-operation can be received. The calibre of the meeting indicated that Dr. Waugh had chosen his committees carefully and wisely. This meeting was a credit to our specialty and, coincidentally, stimulated the individual member to go forth and conscientiously strive to acquire a greater amount of theoretical knowledge and a much more accurate technic, in order that he might, with such added intelligence, more successfully perform his professional duties.

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### Notice of Meetings

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia will be held at Hotel Del Monte, near Monterey California, on November 10th to 16th, 1935.