



The First Reunion Meeting, Department of Graduate Orthodontia, University of Illinois, Chicago, March 28 - April 3, 1948.

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This issue of THE ANGLE ORTHODONTIST begins a series of essays and papers—retrospective, clinical and scientific—prepared for the first reunion meeting of the Department of Graduate Orthodontia of the University of Illinois, and presented at the Drake Hotel in Chicago between the dates of March 28 and April 3, 1948. The announcements which preceded this meeting were extremely simple, and no ingenuity was expended in whipping up enthusiasm. The alumni of the course could expect to hear only from men who had been former teachers, contemporaries of their own as students, or from men who had preceded or followed them in the course. There were no promises of revelations which would end all the problems encountered by the orthodontist, and it was plainly stated that the meeting would last one full week. In spite of this a high percentage of the men who had completed the course at Illinois in the last eighteen years responded to the call. Perusal of the program, which is printed in full in this issue, will convince anyone that the graduates did not come back solely for entertainment and good fellowship.

This full attendance constitutes an endorsement of a modern type of professional education which any teacher should be glad to receive. It seems to say that these men could look back on the time spent at the University of Illinois with approval, and to take a full week from a busy practice with the expectation that once again time would be well spent.

That the course at Illinois was considered by the graduates to have been worth while is borne out by the attendance figures, but surely the individual reactions of approval must have been different in different men. Some must have appreciated in retrospect the fine compliment of being told, tacitly, that they were capable of doing far more than they themselves had supposed.

Whenever any person recounts his experiences of former schooling, he is likely to indicate what was his intensely personal reaction to the manner in which he was handled. Some of the graduates at Illinois must surely have remembered that the teaching staff at Illinois knew the subtle difference between self-esteem and self-respect; one they deflated promptly, and the other they encouraged in ways known only to the born teacher.

More than a few must have remembered how they brought to Illinois a mental picture of how one learned technical procedures, a picture acquired in dental school; they recall that they were obliged to revise that picture when they began to study the edgewise arch; they gave up the vegetative process of learning technical procedures by rote, and found that cogent and critical thinking paid as large dividends in this quarter as it does in didactic courses. At this point they quit differentiating between theory and practice, and learned that theory is but the distillation of practice. When one takes information from a textbook, from the laboratory, or from the tracing table and uses it in dental practice as naturally and as unthinkingly as a pair of orthodontic pliers, and on the other hand applies analytic thinking to clinical procedures with a sort of perseverance once reserved for the classroom, it becomes impractical to keep Theory in one compartment and Practice in another.

Because these things which we think are remembered by Illinois graduates have permanent value, they will be remembered when The Latest Thing has yielded place to something still later, and even when the shining newness of the building on Wood Street has become commonplace. Therefore, it seems quite probable that in another eighteen years the old hands will be thronging around with the same high expectations, and that they will be joined by some new hands whom we old-timers shall take the greatest pleasure in meeting. This is not to be taken, of course, as a recommendation that we wait another eighteen years before the next reunion meeting!

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Program of the First Reunion Meeting Department of Graduate Orthodontia

University of Illinois

Drake Hotel—Chicago

March 28-April 3, 1948

Foreword: Eighteen years after its organization the Graduate Department of Orthodontia has called you, its former students, together for a reunion meeting. During these eighteen years the field of orthodontia has witnessed marked changes in its concepts of etiology and of treatment. Further changes are to be expected in the future. For these reasons it seems wise for us to pause momentarily and take stock of our position, to look back over the road we have come and to attempt to prepare for what lies ahead.

Sunday, March 28, 1948

Champagne Room, Knickerbocker Hotel

5:30 P.M. Reception and Registration

7:00 P.M. Informal Banquet

Toastmaster:

DR. WENDELL L. WYLIE, '42

ADDRESS: The Lengthening Shadow of a Man

DR. EDMUND H. WUERPEL

Dean Emeritus, School of Fine Arts,
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

Monday, March 29, 1948

Chairman: DR. WILLIAM B. DOWNS, '31

9:30 A.M. Status of Orthodontic Education Prior to 1930

DR. CHESTER F. WRIGHT, '31

10:15 A.M. The Angle College of Orthodontia and the Establishment of Graduate Work at the University of Illinois

DR. FREDERICK B. NOYES

Dean Emeritus, College of Dentistry,
University of Illinois

11:00 A.M. Experience of the First Class at Illinois

DR. ERNEST MYER, '31

12:00 Noon LUNCHEON

1:30 P.M. Analysis of Malocclusion from Models and Photographs

DR. CHESTER F. WRIGHT, '31

2:15 P.M. History of Research in the Department of Orthodontia,
University of Illinois

DR. ALLAN G. BRODIE and Graduates

Tuesday, March 30, 1948

Chairman: DR. ARTHUR B. LEWIS, '35

9:00 A.M. History of Research in the Department of Orthodontia,
University of Illinois (continued)

DR. ALLAN G. BRODIE and Graduates

12:00 Noon LUNCHEON

1:30 P.M. Analysis of Malocclusions from Models, Intraoral Roentgenograms and Photographs

DR. CHESTER F. WRIGHT, '31

Assisted by DR. ALLAN G. BRODIE, DR. ARTHUR B. LEWIS, '35,

DR. WILLIAM B. DOWNS, '31, DR. J. WILLIAM ADAMS, '39

(For this portion of the program the meeting will be divided into groups and each graduate will present one case before his group.)

8:00 P.M. Reminiscences

1. Illustrated Talk

DR. ALLAN G. BRODIE

2. Motion Pictures of Typical Scenes in the Department

DR. GEORGE B. VOGELI, '46

3. Anecdotes by Graduates

Wednesday, March 31, 1948

Chairman: DR. ALTON W. MOORE, '45

9:00 A.M. Analysis of Malocclusion from Cephalometric Roentgenograms

DR. WILLIAM B. DOWNS, '31

10:30 A.M. Mandibular resection in the Treatment of Class III
Malocclusions

DR. ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN, '33

12:00 Noon LUNCHEON

7:00 P.M. Stag Dinner

The Milk Pail

Dundee, Ill.

Master of Ceremonies:

DR. M. PETER BREIDT, '37

Thursday, April 1, 1948

Chairman: DR. ARTHUR B. ROHDE, '37

9:00 A.M. The Significance of the Rest Position of the Mandible

DR. JOHN R. THOMPSON, '40

10:30 A.M. Newer Concepts in the Management of Cleft Lips and Palates

DR. WAYNE B. SLAUGHTER, *The Surgeon*

DR. WADE R. PLATER, '38, *The Orthodontist*

DR. HENRY GLUPKER, *The Prosthodontist*

12:30 P.M. Luncheon at The Illini Union

- 1:30 P.M. Open House, Department of Orthodontia, University of Illinois
Demonstrations by students of cases under treatment
Rapid Fabrication of Polystyrene Retainers
DR. EARL W. RENFROE, '41

Friday, April 2, 1948

Chairman: DR. HENRY A. STURMAN, '35

- 9:00 A.M. Guiding Growth and Eruption (Head Cap Treatment)
DR. SILAS J. KLOEHN, '37
- 10:30 A.M. Orthodontic Research at the University of California
DR. WENDELL L. WYLIE, '42
- 12:00 Noon LUNCHEON

- 1:30 P.M. The Technique of Analysis from Cephalometric
Roentgenograms

DR. WILLIAM B. DOWNS, '31

Assisted by: DR. ALLAN G. BRODIE, DR. JOHN R. THOMPSON, '40,
DR. ALTON W. MOORE, '45, DR. WENDELL L. WYLIE, '42

(For this part of the program the meeting will be divided into
five groups. Each graduate will be furnished a set of headplate
tracings and will be instructed in this type of analysis.)

Saturday, April 3, 1948

Chairman: DR. J. WILLIAM ADAMS, '39

- 9:00 A.M. The Extraction Question in Orthodontia
DR. ALLAN G. BRODIE
- 10:00 A.M. Problems in the Treatment of Cases Involving the Extraction
of Teeth
DR. WILLIAM B. DOWNS, '31
- 11:00 A.M. General Discussion
- 12:00 Noon ADJOURNMENT