

Editorial

In undertaking the duties and assuming the responsibilities of editor of *The Angle Orthodontist* I do so only because of my faith in the principles upon which this journal is founded, and my belief that these convictions are held by those who subscribe and contribute to the publication. My position is one of gathering and publishing important additions to orthodontic literature, and I am dependent upon their assistance to serve their interest and further the progress already attained.

The first number of *The Angle Orthodontist* appeared in 1931 and the yearly volume included but one hundred and eighty-four pages. It has grown steadily until for the past three years there have been more than three hundred pages annually. Among the contributors appear the names of outstanding scientists and clinicians whose labors have advanced the specialty of orthodontia. The journal has earned a place in the scientific literature of the world. This is indeed an achievement of which the retiring editor may be proud. He has strengthened the articles on orthodontic theory and practice from a modest beginning; he has developed the department of case reports, furnishing material of clinical significance; and has established, beginning in the second volume, a department for the review of current literature.

All this has been done at a very modest expense and without commercial assistance, either in the nature of subsidies, subscriptions or advertising. This progress would not have been possible without the loyal support not only of subscribers but of members of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia. The fears voiced by critics of the journal in its infancy, that its viewpoint would be prejudiced and its pages used for propaganda, have been found groundless as time has gradually revealed the real purpose of the publication.

This sound foundation, as well as the sincerity of the staff and those who have contributed to its make-up, has been demonstrated by continued growth in years which have seen journals of this and other specialties forced to change their character and many to discontinue publication altogether. It is my earnest hope that the ideals upon which *The Angle Orthodontist* has been founded may be maintained, and that an unbiased, broad and comprehensive attitude be reflected in the material published, making it truly representative of the best thought in this field. This can be attained only by placing restrictions upon the quality of contributions, regardless of their particular point of view. Such an attitude is of even greater importance

at this time than when the organ was originally created, for there is now no other publication in the world exclusively devoted to orthodontics.

It is the wish of the present editor to keep a balance between the various divisions of orthodontic literature without subjugating practice to theory, and in addition to establish an abstract department which will cover the literature of this specialty not only in America but in all leading scientific publications throughout the world. This should prove of practical assistance in keeping in touch with contemporary literature and furnish valuable aid when consulted in the preparation of original material.

With your assistance and cooperation we will continue to advance the standards which have been established by the retiring editor, Dr. Robert H. W. Strang.

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A Fund for Orthodontic Research Established at the University of California in Memory of Dr. Edward H. Angle

A fund for orthodontic research has been established at the University of California in memory of Dr. Edward H. Angle. This money is to be used only for research problems which apply directly to orthodontics. At the present time a part of the fund will be used to carry on work in conjunction with that being done by Dr. Herman Becks at Hooper Foundation, University of California, who has already made several contributions to the field of research in his studies of bone changes.

The fund will be available to any student who is working for his master's degree, provided his thesis involves original research in the field of orthodontics, and will be directly under the supervision of the Division of Orthodontics.

A fund of this nature, with the facilities and the large number of clinic patients available, will permit the working out of problems which are impossible to solve in private practice. The results of this work will benefit not only the profession but will also directly affect the little children whom Dr. Angle always placed first in his consideration. It is hoped that this fund will become a truly living memorial.

