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material and techniques. Research results will yield additional light, possibly resulting in more dependable endosseous implant therapy. Hopefully the day may not be too distant when we can insure efficient implant restorations after all the sophisticated preventive measures we are pressing on a susceptible public have, in specific cases, failed, and there arises a need for endosseous replacements. B.P.T.

The Fiftieth Anniversary, Greater New York Dental Meeting

In the halcyon day of the early twenties when the dental profession had already begun to develop the stature of a scientifically respected profession, the fathers of organized dentistry in the New York City area felt the need for a well structured, centrally presented seminar for postgraduate education. In those less complicated days the New York metropolitan area was represented in The Dental Society of the State of New York by the First and Second District Dental Society whose domains extended from distant Montauk Point to the far reaches of Westchester County. A fortunate and inspired foresight of our dental progenitors recognized the responsibility a professional organization must assume in affording members fruitful opportunities for their continuing education. As a result, there was organized the Greater New York Dental Meeting, an educational seminar dedicated primarily to the presentation of lecturers, clinics, and information of every kind, tending to broaden the horizons of the practicing dentist. In addition, government, hospitals, industry and the dental supply field were invited to provide dentally relevant exhibits.

Almost from its origin the meeting evoked the enthusiastic participation of dentists, not only from the metropolitan area but by practitioners in every part of this country and abroad. Outstanding clinicians, scientific investigators, innovative dentists supplemented by exhibitions of dental equipment, found enthusiastically receptive audiences for their material in the fertile New York City area.

Conditioned by a continually elaborating scientific and social program presented amidst the varied attractions of the world capital, dentists soon looked to the Greater New York Meeting as the focal point for dental information. Many found this convocation an invaluable opportunity for contact with classmates and colleagues, with supportive personnel and supply people.

An additional inspiration of the meeting organizers was the enlistment of literally hundreds of members of the First and Second District Dental Society as functionaries in the actual running of what has become the largest dental meeting in the world. New York dentists rally to serve as guides, as registrars, as chairmen of seminars and lectures, as facilitators for the myriad of functions which make for a successful convention.

For fifty years now, the GNYDM has been a proud testimonial to the eternal quest of a profession for ongoing improvement, for continuing education. Thus the 1974 Meeting will celebrate a half century of epochal dental education. Suitable festivities, educational and social, have been planned to properly celebrate this meaningful landmark in dental development. In 1974, more than ever, dentistry should find this presentation of distinguished dentistry undeniably attractive. Under these circumstances, the 1974 Greater New York Dental Meeting should outshine all its previous triumphs. We wish it every success as we urge all dentists to partake of this unique professional offering.

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