

au progrès futur de l'optométrie. Nous continuerons la campagne jusqu'à ce que nous atteignons notre objectif.

Au cours de la prochaine année, nous essaierons aussi de trouver une solution au problème de désunion au sein de notre organisme. Le retrait de l'APOQ de l'ACO a mené à une situation totalement étrangère à la notion d'un organisme canadien d'optométrie. Nous ferons de notre mieux pour résoudre ce problème

afin que, de nouveau, nous puissions représenter tous les optométristes du Canada.

Nous continuerons à élargir tous les programmes de l'Association qui visent à assurer par une voix collective que les conditions qui régissent la pratique de votre profession ne seront pas assujetties à des changements causés à votre insu par des influences venant de l'extérieur, et que votre position dans le système de

soins de santé soit reconnue et maintenue.

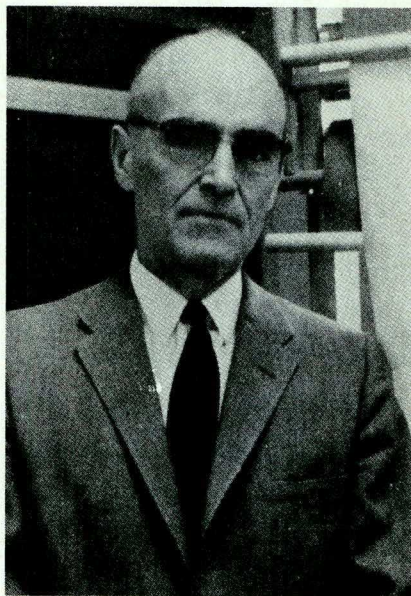
Je suis persuadé que l'année qui commence m'apportera à la fois défis et satisfactions au cours de mes voyages dans tout le pays et de mes visites aux diverses associations provinciales. De plus, j'anticipe avec plaisir de rencontrer tous les gens de la profession avec qui je me suis lié d'amitié au cours de mes années de rapport avec notre profession.

In Memory of Balfour Beverly Sparks, M.D. 1905-1980

The recent death of Dr. Balfour Sparks ends a long and friendly association with optometric education and optometry. Dr. Sparks, who died on August 9, 1980, graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto in 1931 and interned at the Christie Street Hospital. He was a member of the outpatient staff of the Toronto General Hospital from 1937 to 1939 and a member of the medical staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto from 1939 until his retirement in 1976. Bal was a native of Toronto and maintained his home and medical practice in Toronto until his retirement, at which time he and his wife Jean moved to their country home near Mount Albert, Ontario. Bal and Jean celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in February, 1979.

Bal joined the faculty of the College of Optometry of Ontario in Toronto in September, 1937 and remained as a professor until the College moved to the University of Waterloo in 1967. A celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary at the College of Optometry was the highlight of the students' formal banquet on March 3, 1962. When the college transferred to the University of Wa-

terloo in 1967, Bal was appointed to the faculty of the School of Optometry, University of Waterloo and con-



tinued lecturing until 1970. Bal was noted for his demanding but fair academic standards, his dry wit, his penchant for early morning lectures at which he was invariably in top form, and the pleasure he took in the social activities of the students. Two generations of optometrists are indebted to Bal for the knowledge and skill which he so freely imparted in the disciplines of anatomy, neu-

rology, physiology and pathology. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to maintain a close friendship with him after his retirement could not fail to be impressed by his continuing interest and concern in optometric education, optometry and the many optometrists he remembered so well. His friendly advice will be much missed by those who knew him.

Bal leaves his wife Jean, his daughter Barbara, two sons Robert and Bruce and six grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, one of whom, Dr. Stuart Sparks, practices optometry in Smith Falls, Ontario.

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A "Special Donation" to the Canadian Optometric Education Trust Fund would be a fitting and lasting tribute to the pioneer contribution made by Dr. B. Sparks to optometric education in Canada.

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