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Progress

This year of 1976 finds our National Society emerging from the baby stage to the kindergarten stage. During this emerging period a wonderful development has taken place in the relations between our various State Societies. By meeting in a friendly and happy atmosphere our delegates are forging an unbreakable bond of respect for each other.

A firm handshake and a hearty enquiry after one's wellbeing preceded our Third Annual Meeting at the Adelaide home of Dr. A. G. Campbell, our President for 1975. Our State Delegates took a commonsense attitude to matters discussed. Each person's point of view was listened to with respect and each decision reached was accepted without rancour. The members of The Rose Society of South Australia were overwhelming with their kindness and hospitality. To them all delegates and visitors extend their sincerest thanks. Their show, despite the inclemency of the weather, was really excellent; it was well attended and obviously much enjoyed by the public. The fact that such a show can bring pleasure and happiness into people's lives must be a source of satisfaction to all of us.

The question of uniformity of standards has again been postponed until after the Australian Rose Championships Show in Sydney in October, 1976. This will afford delegates a further opportunity to increase their knowledge of the various states' standards. We are, therefore, in this respect, too, hastening slowly and with good commonsense.

The Royal National Rose Society celebrates, in England, its 100th birthday in July this year with the International Rose Conference "Roscent 76" to be held in Oxford. On this important occasion Australia will be represented by no less than four members. It is with great pride that we can now sit down with and be accepted by rosarians from all over the world. We have indeed progressed.

To rosarians everywhere I wish good health and good growing for 1976.

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