emy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in 1990, Honorary Fellowship of the British Orthopaedic Association in 1996 and the Alan Graham Apley Gold Medal of that Association 1999.

Mercer and his loving wife, Helen, have been the most gracious of hosts and hostesses in their home.

He was also a wonderful family man. Our condolences are extended to Helen, their three daughters, Caroline, Sarah and Louise and their six grandchildren.

Finally, the philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, was asked how he would define and describe a person who has achieved success. His response is particularly relevant to Mercer Rang.

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust of pure

women, the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had; whose life has been an inspiration and whose memory a benediction."

I am confident that all of us who have been privileged to have known him would heartily agree that, by all of Emerson's criteria, Mercer Rang achieved success.

R. B. Salter

CARL THEODORUS MÖLLER, MBBCH FRCS (ED) FRCS (ENG) 1911-2003

Carl Möller, the last survivor of the five founder members of the South African Orthopaedic Association, died peacefully at his daughter's home on 14 July 2003.

The son of a doctor, Dr Möller met Francois P. Fouché, the doyen of South African orthopaedic surgery, at an early age. He graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1934, and in 1940, after obtaining both the London and Edinburgh fellowships, commenced orthopaedic practice in Johannesburg.

Carl Möller was one of the 'Group of Five' founding members of the Orthopaedic Surgeons' Group in July 1942. At the 1952 Combined Meeting of the Orthopaedic Associations of the English Speaking World in London, the Group became the South African Orthopaedic Association, with Dr G. T. du Toit receiving the Jewel of Office from her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. From 1955 to 1957 Carl was president of the association, and he served with distinction on the executive committee until 1977.

For many years he was consultant at Johannesburg Children's Hospital. Those who knew him in the clinical setting were always impressed by his compassion and the sincerity of his approach to each individual patient's problem. In discussions he drew on his memory of patients seen many years previously, reminding one of the wonderful healing powers of time. Predictably, he titled his Francois P. Fouché Memorial Lecture 'The Time Factor in Orthopaedics'.

Carl Möller served as Councillor on the National Executive of the Medical Association

and on the Fee Committee. Until the slide rule was superseded by his pocket calculator, he always had it at the ready to calculate injustices. In the role of elder statesman, he was at all times willing to discuss any medical problems, clinical or political, with younger colleagues.

After the death of his second wife, Dr Möller moved to Cape Town. He is survived by his son, an anaesthetist, and by three daughters, one of whom is married to a general surgeon. We salute the memory of this great South African orthopaedic surgeon, and extend our condolences to his children and grandchildren.

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