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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, HON. DON DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P., AT THE
OPENING OF THE 1967 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN
OPTOMETRICAL ASSOCIATION, SATURDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1967.

MR. CHAIRMAN, ETC.

I AM PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH YOU TO OPEN THE ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE AUSTRALIAN OPTOMETRICAL ASSOCIATION, AND IN DOING SO I EXTEND A VERY HEARTY WELCOME TO THE VISITORS WHO HAVE COME FROM INTERSTATE. WE ARE PLEASED AT ALL TIMES TO WELCOME TO ADELAIDE, VISITORS FROM INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS, FOR WE KNOW OF NO BETTER WAY OF IMPRESSING OUR FRIENDS THAN BY SHOWING THEM THE ATTRACTIONS WHICH OUR CITY AND OUR STATE HAVE TO OFFER BOTH TO TOURISTS AND TO PERSONS CONTEMPLATING TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN OUR STATE.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PERSONS ENGAGED IN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS YOUR MEMBERS, HAVE THE MEANS AVAILABLE TO THEM TO OBTAIN THE LATEST INFORMATION ON SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES IN THE PARTICULAR PROFESSIONS. FOR THAT REASON I COMMEND YOUR

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ASSOCIATION ON ITS CONDUCT OF THESE ANNUAL CONGRESSES BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE THE MEANS OF YOUR MEMBERS GATHERING TOGETHER TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND TO HAVE LECTURES ON THE LATEST INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE THROUGH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE SERVICE GIVEN BY THE MEMBERS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE WELLBEING OF THE COMMUNITY. SUCCESS IN MANY FIELDS OF LIFE DEPENDS UPON ADEQUATE EYE-SIGHT, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE LATEST INFORMATION BE AVAILABLE READILY TO ALL WHO ENGAGE IN PRACTICE AS OPTOMETRISTS.

I NOTICE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE PROGRAMME THAT YOU ARE TO HAVE LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TOPICS. I TRUST THAT THESE LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS WILL BE OF OUTSTANDING HELP TO YOU ALL AND WILL IN TURN RESULT IN MUCH BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS WHO WILL CONSULT YOU IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.

IT IS WITH MUCH PLEASURE THAT I DECLARE THE
1967 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF YOUR ASSOCIATION OPEN.
