As Editor of the CJNS I feel it is important to capture our history from those who pass on the art and science of our neurosurgical, neurological and allied neurological specialties (neuropathology, neuroradiology, neuroanesthesia, clinical neurophysiology and the areas related to translational neuroscience) to generations of trainees. We have a rich tradition of knowledge and skill sets and we should know their sources. Having knowledge of where we have come from and how we have evolved up to now will help, I hope, give guidance to the future. We should be involved in the profession of our specialty, as Dr. Weir and Dr. Barnett have been, and speak our mind about how we see things developing and do what we can to shape a better future for our profession and our patients. As Patrick Hazard has written, “History in our kind of society is not a luxury but a necessity.”

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