

## ROTARY CHARTER.

### Toowoomba Presentation.

#### NOTABLE GATHERING.

TOOWOOMBA, November 23.

There was a very large and representative gathering of Rotarians and friends at the Cafe Alexandra on Saturday evening on the occasion of the presentation of the Charter to the Toowoomba Rotary Club from Rotary International at Chicago. The visitors included Rotarians P. B. Macgregor, M. S. Herring, T. J. Allen, E. R. Isaacs, J. F. Walker, W. J. Strachan, J. T. Barry, H. W. Watson, T. R. Hall, J. A. Watson, W. K. M'Luckie, N. F. Langdon, F. L. South (Brisbane Rotary Club), J. G. Bishop, and M. S. Patterson (Ipswich Rotary Club), Rotarian F. L. South of the Brisbane Rotary Club presided. The president of the Brisbane Rotary Club (Rotarian P. B. Macgregor) presented the Charter from Rotary International. In doing so he expressed his pleasure at being appointed to present the Charter, and said Rotary International existed for the clubs, and the clubs existed for Rotary International. The duty he was carrying out that night would have been performed by Governor R. Hancock as Governor of Queensland and part of New South Wales, but as he was on his way back from America the duty fell upon Acting District Governor, Fred Birks, who, however, was unable to be present. He had, therefore, been appointed to act for them. In handing the Charter to Rotarian F. J. Paterson, president of the Toowoomba Rotary Club, Rotarian Macgregor said that the Toowoomba Club was No. 3733, which meant that on the date the club was formed it was the 3733rd club which had joined Rotary International. Rotarian Macgregor explained the six objects of rotary, which were framed to encourage and foster the ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprise, high ethical standards in business and the professions, the application of the ideal of service by every rotarian to his personal business and community life, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for services, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupation, and the dignifying by each rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society and the advancement of understanding, good will, and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the rotary ideal of service. He concluded by expressing the hope that the Rotary Club of Toowoomba would have a long and successful existence.

#### SOMETHING PERMANENT.

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Sir Littleton Groom said that, speaking as one outside the movement, he realised that one of the objects was to secure a better understanding. Pointing to the large cog wheel at the head of the hall, Sir Littleton said that it was the emblem of a movement which extended throughout the world, even to Japan, so there must be something in an organisation like that. He asked what was it to the followers that made them stand together. It was the ideal of service, which was in the possession of all high-souled bodies. Rotary was something permanent, and had a future even greater than its past. Rotary set up a code of ethics, concluded Sir Littleton, which led to better realisations between men who were competing together in one code of industry. Australians should stand behind Rotary and welcome their movement.

#### TOOWOOMBA ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Rotarian F. J. Paterson, in acknowledging the presentation of the charter, said it gave him great pleasure as the first president of the Toowoomba branch to receive the charter. It was something he would always appreciate. After explaining how the Toowoomba Club was started, he said he could say to the wives that their husbands were going to be better husbands and fathers through being Rotarians. He trusted that their club would grow, and he hoped that when he had finished he would be able to say like the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the Course, I have kept the faith."

Rotarian Percy Allen proposed the toast, "Our Movement, Rotary International," and in doing so traced the movements from its inception. Rotary Clubs were doing wonderful work, he said. In Brisbane they were raising £1000 in order to get a survey of the cripple children in and around Brisbane. This information would then be handed on to a citizens' committee, who would continue the good work. Rockhampton had raised £5000 for a similar object. Other matters in which they were interested was the creche and kindergarten, and the sending of boys to the seaside. After the toast had been drunk, the speaker presented to the Toowoomba Club from the Brisbane Club a photo. of Paul T. Harris, the founder of Rotary.

Rotarian J. Bishop, president of the Ipswich Rotary Club proposed the toast "Toowoomba Rotary Club." On behalf of the Ipswich Rotary Club he presented to the Toowoomba Club a silver gong.

Rotarian J. D. Annand proposed "Visiting Rotarians," and Sergeant at Arms Rotarian E. R. Isaacs responded. Rotarian J. Strachan gave some of his experiences as a Rotarian, and mentioned the visit of Australian boys to America, when Rotarians there acted as hosts to the boys, and gave them a splendid time. Rotarian Dr. T. P. Connolly proposed "Ladies and

them a splendid time. Rotarian Dr. T. P. Connolly proposed "Ladies and Guests," and Mrs. F. J. Paterson responded. Mr. O. Fowler proposed "Voluntary Workers."

Throughout the evening musical items were rendered by soloists, while the community singing of Rotary songs was entered into wholeheartedly.

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