

ROTARYGRAM'S

WHY WORRY?

Says Ted Robinson in the Cleveland Plain Dealer:
An Indiana lecturer committed suicide the other day. The subject of his most popular lecture was "Why Worry?" The papers say that financial difficulties drove him to his rash act. It is very easy to write facetious paragraphs about a thing like this; to say "physician, heal thyself" and quote old bro-mides about practicing what one preaches.

But it is probable that such comments would miss the point entirely. Without knowing anything about this unfortunate lecturer, we are willing to venture the opinion that his tragedy was the result, not of failing to obey his own philosophy, but of following it too literally. It is possible that he said "why worry?" when a little worrying was what was called for; that he refused to be bothered with annoying details, until at last they accumulated and overwhelmed him.

Of course we may be all wrong about this particular case; but on its surface it looks like another deserved blow for the don't-worry school of philosophy.

Personally, we never worry at all, and that's why it is so hard for us to pay our taxes and our rent and to get a little money saved up for a chilly day.

We wish it were our nature to worry a bit--then we should be rich and slender, and perhaps famous.

But the fact that we have no talent for worrying ourselves shall not prevent us from preaching the gospel of worry to others.

We envy and admire the worries; they get things done; they are not satisfied with vegetative comfort, and fatness, and dolce far niente and laissez faire, and all that sort of idle idiocy.

If they write poems, they worry lest the poems should not be quite perfect, and write better ones.

If they make fortunes, they worry lest the poems should not be sufficient for their old age, and so they make bigger fortunes.

Whereas your don't-worrier is satisfied with sloppy work and a mere pittance.

Long live Worry!

It may wrinkle your face, but it keeps your figure down.

Remember!

Luncheon Today

Y. M. C. A. 12:15

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A SERIOUS PROBLEM

We have no exaggerated notion of the importance of Rotary. We do not regard it an Atlas that would carry the woes and burdens of the world, yet as the foremost civic club there are certain problems in the solution of which it ought to take the initiative. One of these grave problems concerns the large number of unemployed, of which there are hundreds and hundreds in every community. Rotary ought to take cognizance of this problem in our own city, and with the co-operation of other civic bodies devise some means for the relief of this deplorable situation. Anybody who desires to look at conditions face to face, let him go to the United Charities office and listen to the large number of strong and able-bodied men beseeching the organization with their pitiful pleas to find some work for them. True, the problem is a national one, and the government at its forthcoming conference will no doubt bend every effort upon ameliorating the situation, yet, unless every community does its full share towards solving the problem, the government's efforts will be nugatory. After all is said and done, the pay envelopes of the laborer is the bottom of our economic prosperity, and if the toiler starves, the whole nation becomes depleted of its vitality. The highest form of service is one that enables a man to earn his livelihood by honest labor, and Rotary with its ideal of service could not sit idly by without making a very determined effort to drive away the pack of wolves that stand at the door of so many families in these sad days of industrial stagnation.—(R).

BARNEY'S GREAT FEAT

The performance of Barney Steinhagen at last week's meeting in being able to call every Rotarian by his given and surname, as well as classification, is indicative of not only a remarkable memory, but also of the gratifying fact that Barney in his capacity of Mayor is in close touch, and in intimate connection with the business element and the representative members of the community. The Psalmist says "The Lord counteth the number of the stars. He calleth them all by their names." And Barney did a fine imitation of God when, as a city father, he called every member of his goodly sized family by name.

BEAUMONT ON THE MAP

An American traveler in France this summer read one morning in a Paris paper an account of outrages by the Bolsheviki in Russia and in the same column an account of the tarring and feathering of a man near Beaumont by Bolsheviki in Texas. It matters not whether the Texas outlaws were or were not members of the select organization that excludes from its rolls alien born but naturalized American citizens, Jews, Catholics (tens of thousands of whom did the part of soldiers and patriots in the war), negroes, Japanese and Chinese. It was fitting that the accounts should be put in the same column. Beaumont was put on the map abroad.—(M).

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SECRETARY'S LETTER

Sept. 14, 1921.

Dear Rotarians:

Attendance has not been what we would like to have it. We have luncheon today in gymnasium of Y. M. C. A., at the usual hour. Bob Tate confides that we are going to have something extra in the way of eats. With the "pessimism of true optimists," most of you don't believe it but will be on hand. Those who are absent without excuse are very apt to be put on important committees with plenty of work.

Rotarily yours,
ELMER LEACH, Secretary.

WELCOME HOME FROM ABROAD

We greet the return of our associate editor Farrel D. Minor with outstretched arms and jubilant heart. We hope the invigorated strength and rejuvenated spirit which he brought back with him will abide with him for many years to come. The Rotarygram hopes to have his splendid contributions, which no doubt will add to the prestige and quality of this bulletin.—(R).

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

From next week on we will call certain members to write articles for the Rotarygram. We hope they will consider this task not only a pleasant duty, but a privilege, and that we will meet with no excuse or any score.—(R).

ROTARY ATTENDANCE—9-7-'21

Absent without excuse—Barry, C. E.; Blum, Ben; Brown, Walter; Feigelson, Alex.; Gross, W. Ed; Hamm, Ed; Lamb, Tom; Landis, W. B. (Spike); Ledwidge, Charlie; Longe, Harry W.; McDonald, E. C.; Martin, Frank; Moore, Mike; Noguerra, Gus; Schneider, Jack; Shepherd, Harry; Shepherd, Albert; Stedman, Ed; Townsend, A. F.; Weir, D. S.; Wilkins, A. G.

Excused—Brooks, Tom; Cloud, Geo. L.; Crawford, Walter; Davis, Dan'l W.; Decker, Frank; Easley, Chester; Edwards, C. B.; Gilbert, Will; Goodhue, John F.; Hargrove, Hugh M.; Brock, J. V.; Harvey, Roy; Josey, L. M.; Kauffman, Arthur; Kelly, Ed; Keith, Henry; Kinslow, Ralph; Nathan, J. J.; PePristein, Herman; Priddie, Will; Rosenthal, Joe; Sheeks, Frank; Smith, Stuart R.; Spencer, Stanley; Streeter, J. B.; Simonton, W. L.; Van der Greyen, E. B.; Walden, Charlie; Willis, B. H.; Willard, Archie; Wilson, J. C.; Weber, Frank.

Present—99 (65.13 per cent). Absent without excuse—21. Excused—32. Total 152.

Bet on the "Talker" for the first heat, but put your money on the doer for the race.