

made complimentary reference to him in language that left no doubt of each president's value of Harry's personal work and worth. It is inevitable indeed that, with the passing years, an alert and capable secretary of such an organization should become in some measure the power behind the president.

Holding it fitting and timely to record in this issue a few facts concerning the personal history of Harry, the editor has extracted the following for the information of Kiwanis brethren. In ancient hackneyed phrase, Harry "first saw the light" and no doubt, like the rest of us, made a noise in the world, in Hagersville, Ontario — which we learn is over twenty miles south of Hamilton. His birth certificate we did not ask to see, but he was born of Canadian parents, and (as all the Vancouver Club knows) he still retains that ruddy and bright complexion, which suggests good health, love of the open air, and right-living; and which usually carries a wisely-youthful spirit into mid-life and later years—and Harry is not yet in middle life!

After early schooling at Hagersville, Harry's training was continued at Galt Collegiate Institute, where he graduated. Then "his father being one of the earliest den-

tal practitioners in Ontario," he was (in the minds of others) destined for similar work. But (one gathers) over-exercise at dental application in his teens, involving work after school hours, on Saturday and holidays, wherein, we may be confident, Harry did not altogether exercise "freewill," led the future Scribe of Kiwanis to conclude in early manhood that "anything else was better than dentistry, so he tried several office positions in Toronto."

But the slogan, "Go West," which many British Empire born Kiwanians practised to the limit by coming to Vancouver, inspired Harry too, and we later find him in Winnipeg in the sheet metal business, and branch manager of the Metallic Roofing Co. and the Galt Art Metal Co. respectively.

In 1917 the war conditions so affected the raw iron market in Canada that a change of occupation faced Harry, and the continued exercise of the wisdom of the East led him farther West, and this time he came to the Pacific Coast.

Vancouver Rotary Club, as Harry himself reminded us, had in 1918 brought glory to itself by the establishing of the Rotary Clinic. Kiwanis was just then entering the service club field (in Canada), and, some encouragement in that direc-

tion being received, he and Al. Struthers began the work of organizing a Vancouver club. The "flu" epidemic, and economic conditions at that time interfered seriously with the work and increased its difficulty. But once it was really under way, Kiwanis grew rapidly, and, though Harry did not say so, it is reasonable to assume that after seven years' service as secretary, "the Hub of the Club" (as the writer makes bold to dub him) does not find time hang heavily on his hands. With the secretaryship he carries on an office appliance business, and when he is not on duty at the Northwest Building, at committee or club functions, or in other representative capacities, Harry has a happy home to keep him from wearying, and (in his own words) is "now getting the greatest kick out of raising a boy and girl"; which, being fully interpreted, of course, does not mean that the children are being "kicked up," but rather that their father is finding life's best zest in the worthy task of fostering growth in them, just as he, in his workaday world, continues to strive to maintain in Kiwanis that standard of "efficiency" which (it should not be forgotten) recently won the Vancouver club first place in competition among the hundreds of clubs on this continent.

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