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## Little Stories About Big Rotarians

No. 27—CHARLES TURNER, President and Treasurer The Moreton Truck & Storage Co.

*(These little stories appearing each week will make you better acquainted with your fellows and bring you closer to them. Read them each week.—Editor)*

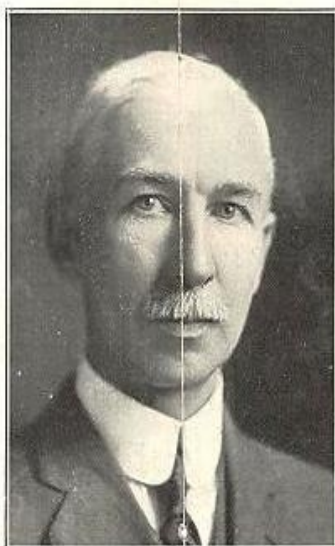
I remember it as if it were yesterday. It was just two years ago now. Headquarters had notified me that Charles Turner was one of five men in Toledo who had heard of Rotary and were interested in it. I stepped into Mr. Turner's office. He greeted me with business courtesy, but you could hardly call it a cordial affair. I mentioned my business. A smile spread instantly, and we were soon perfectly at home with each other. In five minutes Mr. Turner had Hiatt, Hardy, Gleason and John Lewis of the Lion store on the phone and the first meeting was arranged for. So, in Charlie Turner's office two years ago Toledo Rotary was started on its way.

I would never think of calling Mr. Turner Charlie at a Rotary meeting, in spite of a fine hanging over my head, but a fellow can take a lot of liberties as editor and get away with it. Anyhow, I'm not going on all through this story with a lot of "misters." It really wouldn't do for a Rotary story.

Charlie Turner was born on a farm outside of Detroit, MICH. He attended Detroit public schools, going five miles every day. Unlike the thrilling

stories of so many successful men, I can not write that so bent was he on an education that he walked, for he says that every school day for twenty-one years the Turner family buggy went back and forth, taking the children to and from school. After finishing school Charlie absorbed a business college course. At 17 he plunged right into the work in which he has been engaged ever since, going to work for E. H. Morton. This happened on Saturday, June 5th, 1880. Now that was pretty nearly 34 years ago, and as Charlie admits that he was 17, the rules of mathematics indicate, in spite of his white hair, that Charlie isn't a bit over 51 years old, so I guess calling him Charlie isn't so bad after all.

Two years later the company was incorporated and Charlie took some stock and was elected secretary. In 1886 he thought Toledo looked pretty good, and, severing his financial interest with the Detroit house, he and Mr. Morton formed a partnership and began business here. In a year, a brother of Charlie's came in and the business assumed three corner proportions. In 1880 it was incorporated, Mr. Turner being elected President,



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and later President and Treasurer.

In addition to a large trucking business, the bigger part of the Moreton Truck & Storage business is storage. Several large buildings are hardly adequate for their requirements and new fire-proof buildings are now being erected. Charlie's plant is also largely used by manufacturers as a distributing center. There is always a car-load or two of cream separators on hand, which are stored and reshipped at the direction of the manufacturer. The same applies to quite a large line of various commodities.

Charlie Turner was first President of the Toledo Rotary Club, is a member of the Commerce Club and President of the Toledo Cartage Association.

Charlie goes to work about 7:15 in the morning and seldom leaves before 6:30 at night, which shows he is a hard worker. He spends what little spare time he has, at home, not going in much for society. But you couldn't keep him away from a Rotary function with a team of horses, which is going some when you stop to consider that we have a few fellows who are representing, or misrepresenting, their line of business whom you can't get to go with a couple of teams; which is just the difference between a live Rotarian and a dead one.

Charlie Turner, though quiet and retiring, is what you would term a live Rotarian.

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Ninety-six members and eight guests signed the luncheon checks.

President Mulholland appointed Messrs. Wilson, Hardy and Ed Kelsey a committee to report on the desirability of having a Toledo number of *The Rotarian* in January, 1915.

Bill Booker, as chairman, presided with a large axe to properly support the dignity of his position.

John Lloyd told a story.

C. S. Jameson spoke on improvements at the Overland.

Bert Tillinghast reported that Dr. Wallick would give

us the Ball Room at the Secor for luncheons at 75 plate and it was voted to return there for the luncheon.

Bert Tillinghast was appointed by the President to receive all kicks on luncheons. If you don't like your luncheon, don't tell the men with you and spoil their dinner. Make your kick to Bert.

Charles Hartmann, speaker of the day, gave an interesting insight into the advantages of the communitarian form of government.

### MULHOLLAND AT PEORIA

President Mulholland has accepted an invitation to address the Illinois Fellowship Rotary Club, an organization of the Rotary Clubs in Illinois, at Peoria, April 15.

### HESS' PARTY

As you know, Commodore Hess has honored the club with an invitation to a dancing party, at the Yacht Club and the date has been set for April 13th at eight o'clock.

It would be a fine thing if the club would show appreciation of this generous and thoughtful favor with 100% attendance. Commodore Hess always does the right and you are sure to have a fine time.

All those who are going to Houston are asked to attend a six o'clock dinner at the club on that evening when plans for the trip and the various routes will be discussed, and the one appealing to the most chosen.

### FRIDAY—ATTRACTION EXTRAORDINARY

W. W. Campbell, Chairman Executive Committee of the Toledo Municipal Ownership League, will speak in favor of municipal ownership of street car lines.

Attorney Guy W. Kinney will speak against the proposition.

This will surely prove a lively and interesting debate. Be on hand early.

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