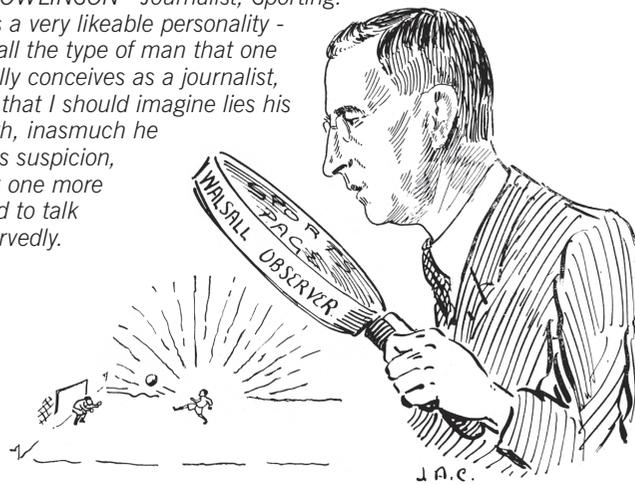


At the time of building Lincoln Works in 1923 John Crabtree became a founder member of the 'Rotary Club of Walsall' and editor of the club's journal 'Spokes'. On the first page of each edition he wrote an amusing tale about an individual club member illustrating it with a caricature. This must have created much amusement amongst the membership, but not it appears, always to the liking of the individual concerned. JAC was unable to produce the June 1923 edition (presumably due to work commitments) and on the page opposite you will see members comments complete with caricature of JAC at work.

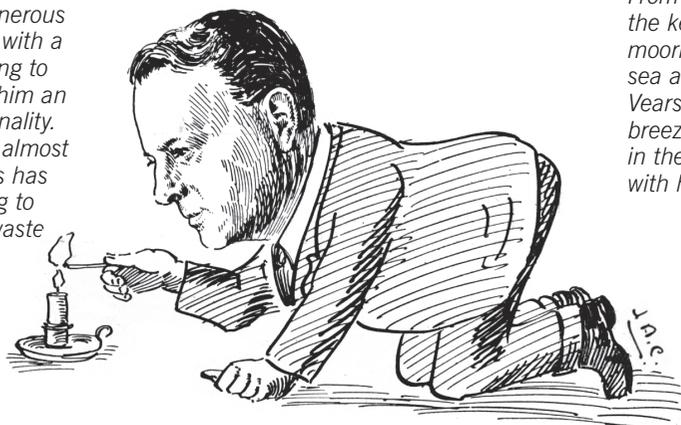
Rotary was undoubtedly the foremost of JAC's many interests outside work. He rose to the highest office in British Rotary when in 1933 he was appointed president of Rotary International (Great Britain and Ireland).

W B ROWLINSON - Journalist, Sporting.
He has a very likeable personality - not at all the type of man that one generally conceives as a journalist, and in that I should imagine lies his strength, inasmuch he disarms suspicion, leaving one more inclined to talk unreservedly.



E J SHARPE

He has a particularly generous disposition which, allied with a natural reserve amounting to almost shyness, makes him an extremely likeable personality. He is quick in thought - almost inclined to be impetuous has an incisive way of getting to the root of things, and waste no words in doing so.



GORDON VEARS

From the freshness of dawn, the keen wind from the open moorland and the tang of the sea all go to make-up Gordon Vears. He is the most freshest, breeziest and most virile man in the Club. Ten minutes talk with him is better than a tonic.



A E READ

He has been one of the dark horses of the Club, but the work of the last few weeks, culminating in the Garden Party at Streetly, has given Rotarians a measure of his capacity for Rotary work.



EDGAR LESTER

There is something very pleasant - one would almost say charming - in his quiet reserve, and one soon learns that there is a sense of reliability and dependableness behind it all. He seldom, if ever, speaks at Club meetings and in many respects this is to be regretted, for in conversation he has always something worth saying.

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OUR EDITOR.

With so many libel actions pending against our official Editor, in which he is chiefly charged with attributing unmerited virtues to, and flattering delineations of fellow Rotarians, he has been suspended from further misrepresentation for a month.

Should he, in that time, see the error of his ways, and shew some promise of an amendment of life, further contributions from his pen and inventive genius will be welcomed by our readers.

During his thirty days' solitude in the wilderness, we can imagine his restless versatile brain switching on to many fruitful avenues of thought, and culling much interesting "copy" for future numbers of this Journal.

He is like his beloved switches—efficient; and if you study



J.A.C.

him closely you will find another bond of similarity. He is ornamental—not on the surface, but deep down inside him. He is distressingly sincere. He resembles that particular breed of small dog that, once it gets its teeth into anything it fancies, refuses to let go until either, (1) the dog dies, or (2) its teeth drop out owing to extreme old age.

In the Days of Faith he would have died at the stake for his convictions; or—perhaps this is more likely—he would have watched with impish glee his friends as they scorched and shrivelled for theirs.

He has few enemies. Those who know him like him, those who know him well love him. The Society Press has yet to learn what an ornament they failed to secure when he undertook the editorship of "Spokes."

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