

"Rotary Benefits - Enlightened as to other men's work, problems, and successes" (and "failures" should be added). With that paragraph staring me in the face, I thought I would give you in tabloid form just my own 60 years' experience as a business man.

You know the old saying - "Do not put all your eggs in one basket" which has since been modernised to - "Put all your eggs in one basket, but watch that basket carefully". Well, my opinion is that if your sole object is to accumulate this world's possessions, you will do it better by following the modern version, and in keeping to one basket, but in doing so you will probably be worth very little to your town or your country. You will probably be leading a life of selfishness, studying yourself only, without considering others. If you are to help your place, you are bound to have some of your eggs in other baskets, and some of your efforts.

My career in business commenced when I was between 14 and 15 years of age by my being duly apprenticed to the old firm of Peacock & Co., consisting then of Mr. J.T. Peacock and Mr. Beverley Buchanan. Mr. C. W. Turner joined the firm later when Mr. Peacock retired.

My indentures were drawn up in the orthodox old-fashioned way for three years, to learn the business of a merchant. The first year's salary was to be a peppercorn if demanded. Then I had an active life among the ships