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Though the Rotary Club of Hangchow is four years old, this is the first issue of our bulletin to be published semi-monthly in both Chinese and English languages. We take the opportunity of extending good wishes and greetings to all Rotarians that this reaches. This being our first issue, it will be mostly devoted to giving our readers an opportunity of getting acquainted with our Club.

The Rotary Club of Hangchow had its beginnings April 11th., 1931, when twenty charter members were present at a dinner meeting at the Lakeview Hotel, Hangchow. Charter was applied for April 17th., 1932, the number given us being No. 3525. At the end of the first year our club had thirty three members. Eleven members were taken in during each of the next three years, but unpreventable resignations have kept our number at about the 36 mark.

Our regular weekly meetings have been held on Thursdays, at the tiffin hour, this past year being in the private residence of one of the members. This is probably a unique innovation, and certainly the only thing of its kind in China. While it is difficult at times to cater for so large a community, the motto of the Meals Committee has been: "We try to serve you with the best of Eats so that the Club may profit most by your service in its cause."

Very enjoyable programmes have been arranged by the Programme Committee, most of the talks being given by our own members. During the year past we had the privilege of hearing seventeen guest speakers. The Education Committee provided instructive and inspiring talks at each of the twelve closed meetings. Among the most interesting talks were the one given by Dr. Sherwood Eddy on Soviet Russia; that given by fellow member "Bill" on his tour in Szechuen; one given by Mrs. Roberts on the Russian Children of the 19th. Century; "Poisonous Gas" by Prof. Chow; "Fish Culture in China" by Mr. Chen; and "Sugar Manufacture" by Mr. Tsou. The policy of the Programme Committee has been to secure as many outside speakers as possible, keeping members as reserves for emergency calls, their hearty response having been much appreciated.

The Community Service Committee since its beginning has considered many possible contributions that the Club could make. In view of the nature of the Rotary organization and the present financial

condition of the Club, our activities are confined to the following:

Contribution of musical instruments for a band among inmates of the Chekiang Institute for the Blind.

Maintaining a bed in the Church Missionary Society's "Kwangchi" Hospital for one inmate throughout the year.

Deaf and Dumb School—supporting one pupil through a four year course, which is the present school schedule.

Orphanage for Destitute Girls—contributions for care of two girls.

Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Welfare Clinic for Children—a small grant is given to help the Committee in extending its welfare work among the poor.

A contribution is made to the Hangchow branch of the Association of Science Movement for the purchasing of mechanical toys to be shown in the Exhibition of Toys.

Our Club being comparatively small, the relationship between members is a very friendly one. The use of nicknames has perhaps helped to foster this intimacy. The inaugural address of our efficient President, "S. O. S.", reveals the spirit of our club and shows something of what Rotary stands for in Hangchow, so we quote it in full.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS TO THE HANGCHOW ROTARY CLUB

April 11, 1935.

by Pres. T. C. Tsao.

Dear fellow Rotarians:

As the retiring Chairman "Bean" has delivered his speech in Chinese, I would like to give mine in English just for a change. Prior to saying anything, I desire to thank you for the honor you have done me in making me the President of this Club for the current year. It is a position I accept with great pride and I shall do my utmost to maintain the high standard which has been set up by my predecessors.

As you all know, the work of the Club is divided and subdivided into different committees and the duties are entrusted to various officials, therefore that of the President is a relatively simple one. I think he needs only to keep on smiling, and see that things move on smoothly. So there remains very little for me to say about the job of the President.

However, as you have given me this chance to speak, I like to stress a few points. This Club is only five years old since its formation, and it has now passed its teething age. We cannot deny the fact that it is far from perfect and we must work hard to develop our activities both within and without the Club, i. e. we must work hard internally among ourselves, and externally toward the community.

With the exception of a few missionary organizations, this Club is the only gathering of the international community in the city of Hangchow. It is a Club which is flourishing by its activities without national boundaries, and which works toward the goal of international unity and culture. Out of the motto of the Club, three things I may particularly mention, namely, "personality", "fellowship" (which we have to cultivate within the Club) and "service" (which we have to develop and extend outside the Club.)

By joining this Club a Member will have a chance to broaden his views and enlarge his personality, also he can develop a good fellowship among the Members, which can be attained in many ways, and the most important way is to keep regular attendance to the meetings. As our new Chairman of the Fellowship Committee, "Okay" has pointed out to me that we need more social gathering so as to have more contact with each other in a Club house if possible. Of course it is impossible for us to accomplish these things all of a sudden, but steps can be taken to attain the goal. I am sure that our vice-president "Stamp" will agree with me to keep his house as our temporary Club house, and to keep it open for the members to carry out activities, provided his family does not return very soon.

Perchance I came back in the same train with "Mac" last night, we had a talk on the practice of the Shanghai Rotary Club. In their

Club the past and present Presidents sit at a fixed table. "Mac." suggests in his capacity as a past President, he does not approve of this practice as he wants to change his seat with other Members every week, so as to cultivate more fellowship. This is the spirit that we want!

The question of service is the most important one to every Rotary Member. A Rotary Club should be a nucleus of services, with its Members moving actively around as electrons as it were to offer various services to the outside community. The more serviceable the Members are, the more progressive the Club will be. At present, the Club has a fair representation from the official organizations of Hangchow, but it still lacks Members from the business organizations. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to secure more business men to be our Members to make our Club better represented, so that we will be in a better position to offer services to the Community.

It is a special practice of the Club that every Member should be on a Committee, and some are even on more than one, so that every one of us have a chance to serve the Club. Therefore the success of the Club relies on the good team work among the Committees. I sincerely hope that the Rotary wheel of this Club will not be pushed around by a limited number of officials, but by all the Members as a whole, so that it will be a wheel of a modern high speed engine, which will make swift and steady progress.

As I have talked too seriously, I am going to conclude my speech with a story. Once an election candidate was delivering a long and tedious speech, the audience was getting very impatient. As the speaker was winding up his speech with the remarks: "I want land reform, I want housing reform, I want educational reform, I want... ..", "chloroform!" was the voice shouted from the impatient audience. I hope my speech has not been long enough for you to say that!

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Governor, Dr. C. T. Wang, writes that radiogram from Secretary Perry of Rotary International gives the number of our newly organized District as Eighty-one,

The 1935 (Mexico City) Convention of Rotary International adopted several amendments to the standard club constitution. The entire text of Section 1 of Article II (the old six objects) was struck out and the following new text (the present four objects) was substituted in lieu thereof:

Article II-Objects.

Section 1. The objects of Rotary are to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;

4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

The first sentence of Section 7 (a) of Article IV was amended to read as follows:

“(a) The membership of any active or past service member who is absent from four consecutive regular weekly meetings of this club shall automatically terminate, unless such absence is made up as hereinafter provided, or he is excused by the board of directors for good and sufficient reason.”

Our members are urged to keep our attendance as near to 100% as possible. President S. O. S. has offered prizes of fine enlargements from some of his photos on recent trip to the South to the member with best attendance also to captain of the team having highest average, October to December, 1935, being the period for this contest. Why should we not all have 100% attendance and so get an individual prize?