

INCREASED BRITISH MEMBERSHIP.

I want to congratulate our British friends on the total of their membership which has shot past our total and the century mark. Our members of the Committee intended to launch a campaign for Chinese members, but owing to the bad times prevailing after the big drop in exchange and later on to the craze for exchanges we found difficulty in carrying it out. It is hoped that something will be done by us to retrieve the lead that we have lost.

Though behind in numbers, I think our American friends are to be congratulated in their making use of the Club perhaps more than our British fellows whom I would like to urge to attend more frequently with their ladies and friends. Since the construction of the lift, the Club has been much more attended especially during tiffin hours. I quite remember the time last summer of having to climb the stairs coming up to the Club, and though I had only to do one step for every year in my age I found it a little too much, as did no doubt many of you.

The Committee came to the decision of throwing the Club open to ladies altogether on the suggestion of the members and the change has been found acceptable. The number of lady visitors attending during the year has been considerable.

STRONGEST FEATURE OF THE CLUB.

The dining rooms have been well occupied and this has been the strongest feature of our Club, because here a Chinese member can always bring his Foreign friends to a meal or Chinese dinner, and the service and surroundings here are undoubtedly better than can be found in any hotel or restaurant for the occasion.

The Rotary Club has held their weekly lunch in the dining room and every Thursday we have about 50 or 60 of their jocular fellows making merry in this room. Both the London University and the Oxford and Cambridge Clubs have also been attracted to the Club and it shows that the Club is becoming to be known and popular.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

We hope that in years to come the Club will continue in its usefulness and purpose in bringing together businessmen and friends of Great Britain, the United States and China and that succeeding Committees will find it necessary to consider ways and means of enabling the Club to possess its own building and extend its activities by providing hostile rooms and other club facilities.

I take the opportunity of thanking the House Committee for their assistance and service and of expressing satisfaction with the working and management of the Club.

The reports and accounts were then passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

The following members, nominated by their Chambers of Commerce to serve on the General Committee for the ensuing year, were unanim-

ously elected:—British: Messrs. G. L. Wilson, J. H. Little and T. G. Drakeford; American:—Messrs. V. G. Lyman, O. G. Steen and P. P. Witham; Chinese:—Messrs. Chu Pao-san, Fu Siao-en and Chun Shut-kai.

Messrs. G. L. Wilson, V. G. Lyman and Chu Pao-san were unanimously elected candidates for the offices of President and vice-presidents, which appointments they will decide among themselves, according to the rules of the Club.

Mr. H. H. Fox expressed the thanks of honorary members for the courtesies extended to them, and also expressed appreciation of the work done by members of the committee during the year. As one who was personally interested in the beginnings of the Club, he was extremely pleased to see it getting on so well.

The meeting closed with the passing of a hearty vote of thanks to the President (Mr. Chu Pao-san), proposed by Mr. H. G. Simms.

THE UNION CLUB  
OF CHINA

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of members of the Union Club of China was held on the 9th instant at the Club, Mr. Chu Pao-san presiding over a good attendance of members.

In submitting the report and accounts for the year, Mr. Chu Pao-san said:—

Turning to the working account we are unfortunately again faced with a loss of \$5,450 which is less than the loss last year by about \$2,700. If we had not incurred the outlay of putting in the lift, the Club might have paid its way, and with an increase in membership might even pay a dividend on the shares in the Union Club Proprietary to which some of us have been looking forward. There has been a decrease in expenditure in several times in the account, and during the coming year the new Committee may be able to make a profit in the next balance sheet.