

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI, at an open meeting held on Thursday, February 9, considered the subject of conditions of labor in the mills of China. This club throughout the world has a name for disinterested public service and the local organization desires to do its share for the common good in Shanghai. The club has selected for its attention one of the largest problems that faces the Shanghai community. The foreign population of Shanghai depends almost entirely upon business and industry. The Chinese population of greater Shanghai is a business and industrial population. Anything that will make Shanghai a better city from the business and the industrial point of view is a valuable contribution to international good will and an indication to other industrial centers in China that the problem is worth attacking. The speakers at the Rotary Club luncheon dealt with all angles of the problem. No single point was emphasized more than others unless it was child labor. It is time that Shanghai make some serious attempt to deal in a broad and intelligent way with the industrial laborers that crowd its streets. We hope that the Rotary Club will do its part and will bring the public to see the importance of the problem that the club has begun to consider. The Rotary Club has made a good start and we wish them success in whatever attempts they may be able to make to give concrete and practical form to the public opinion of the Shanghai community. Professor Cannan of the University of London has expressed the ideal that communities ought to have before them. "Nations like parents," says Professor Cannan, "should desire their children to do the finest and best paid work in the world." China is a long way from this but the Rotary Club is helping her to move in the right direction.