

## A REAL MUSEUM FOR SHANGHAI

With Art Gallery and Library:  
Rotary Club's Project to  
Raise Tls. 200,000

### AN ATTRACTIVE SCHEME

Mr. A. de C. Sowerby's frequent advocacy of a real museum for Shanghai, combined if possible with an art gallery and public reference library, has led at last to definite steps being taken to acquire such an institution. The scheme is certainly an ambitious one, but the lead has been taken by the Rotary Club, which itself is ambitious, so there is hope.

Thursday's tiffin of the club, held at the Union Club, was in the nature of a birthday party, being roughly the third anniversary of the club's inauguration. Mr. H. B. Lane was in the chair and amongst the dozen or so guests were Dr. H. S. Houghton, Director of the Peking Union Medical College, Mr. C. G. Stroebe, surveyor to the Yangtze River Commission, and Dr. K. T. Chung, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Avenue Road, who has been for some while on a mission with Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang's army.

Dr. J. Petit, the first president and now secretary of the club, reviewed its three years' work, referring to the "Pagoda" as the best of all the papers produced by Rotary Clubs anywhere. He emphasized that the club was essentially international, although some members, quite illegally, attempted in the beginning to make it an American institution. They started the Aero Club, they took a leading part in raising the American School Fund, they presented the Scouts Shield and they had assisted in the good roads movement. He concluded, "We still have a lot to do, and we can do it."

The members decided unanimously to continue the \$500 American School bursary, after Mr. J. E. Doyle had suggested that, being an international organization, they might consider rotating it amongst other schools.

### THE MUSEUM SCHEME.

Mr. Doyle then said that he had a suggestion to make which was essentially international. Last week Mr. A. de C. Sowerby spoke to them on the need for a natural history museum, an art gallery and a public reference library. His proposal now was that the club should be the nucleus of an organization to raise Tls. 200,000 to purchase the French Club and turn it over to the community for this purpose. He had spoken to a lot of influential people and they all thought it could be done. They had 18 months or two years in which, with the co-operation of various civic organizations, he thought they could certainly raise half that amount and then, with the influence he anticipated they would have behind them, it sounded unlikely that some one or other of the banks would

refuse to lend them the rest. The Race Club, the British Women's Association, the American Woman's Club and other organizations would probably help them.

He emphasized that his suggestion was that the Rotary Club should only be the nucleus of an organization to take up the project. Shanghai undoubtedly ought to have such an institution, for practically every community in the world of size had one and if, through the initiative of the Rotary Club, they did get it, the achievement would rank with those of any Rotary Club in the world.

Without any discussion, the members voted unanimously in favour of Mr. Doyle's suggestion and the Chairman nominated as a committee to take it up: Messrs. P. P. Whitham (chairman), E. S. Cunningham (U. S. Consul-General), R. T. Bryan, W. E. Souter and J. E. Doyle.

### GEN. FENG YU-HSIANG.

Dr. Chung then narrated some of his impressions of Feng Yu-hsiang, the Christian General, and his Christian army, which he said was so inspired with its commander's enthusiasm that it acted always in perfect unity.

Dr. Chung said that the Chinese press had been very much struck by the rise in the political world of the Church Party, led by C. T. Wang, David Yui and other earnest men, and many believed it was this party which would eventually save the country.