

MISCELLANEOUS.

AN INTERNATIONAL CLUB FOR WOMEN.

We have had occasion more than once to call attention to the work of the International Institute of China at Shanghai under the direction of Mr. Gilbert Reid. We take pleasure now in announcing the existence of a Women's Auxiliary to the Institute which is called The Ladies International Club. Their yearbook for 1912-13 records a membership of one hundred and five members (active and associate) representing six languages and ten Chinese dialects. Their objects are social, educational and philanthropical. Though the membership is small and more or less fluctuating, something of the scope of its influence may be judged by the fact that in their fourteen social functions during the year they entertained 1680 guests.

One of the two honorary presidents is Madame Wu Ting Fang, the wife of China's former popular Envoy Extraordinary, and Minister Plenipotentiary in the United States, and one of the two active presidents is Mrs. Gilbert Reid. The report mentions a garden party which Madame Wu gave for the club and goes on to say: "She and Dr. Wu, in their own gracious way, spoke and introduced guests without a shade of stiff formality, surrounding us all with the heartiest of welcomes. Four Hawaiians, with singing and stringed instruments, furnished delightful Hawaiian music on the lawn."

The Ladies International Club is doing works of mercy in connection with the present period of unrest in China. Its rooms became a refuge in the time of the second revolution. The report continues:

"One of our members, from the U. S. A., living near the Arsenal, being shelled out of her own home, which was entered by six bomb-shells and countless bullets, fled to us, and for three weeks we slept in the Club-room under the Chinese rainbow flag which hangs above its fire-place. Those were days of heat; internal and external. One morning we dispensed from the Club-treasury a day's meals for sixty refugees swarming through the streets, fleeing without clothes, shelter or food. All summer long the Institute grounds were open day and night to homeless ones. Some days as many as fifty would come in, glad of grass to lie upon and looking for shade from the burning sun. Arrow-root biscuits 'went to the spot' with many a forlorn and suffering baby, seeking relief within our gates."

The yearbook contains this appeal to women of other countries:

"Our Ladies' International Club invites correspondence and membership with women or with clubs in other lands. We need sympathetic cooperation of women outside China to further our plans for helping those in less fortunaté circumstances here in far Cathay. A fee of four shillings, five francs, four marks, or one gold dollar, will constitute one an associate member of our

Club which is bringing women of various nationalities into closer social relations. That you may respond at once by joining us is the wish of every mem-



ber of the Ladies' International Club." The address of the Club is 290 Avenue Paul Brunat, Shanghai, China.

Their secretary can communicate in German, French, Dutch or English. The yearbook contains their report in English, French, German and Chinese.