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Ramseur Items.

Miss Lillie Richardson of Ashe boro was the guest of her friend. Miss Lelia Ferree, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Dikhouse are ra ceiving the congratulations of many friends upon the arrival of a fine Fon at their house last Sunday.

and Mrs. John Hayes Franklinville spent Sunday with Mr. Bud Scott.

It looks very natural and good v his many friends to see Mr. W. H. Watkins out on the streets again.

Clarence Frazier and Messrs. Fred Finnison of Liberty were visitors in town Sunday.

Vernon Williams of High Mr Point is visiting his parents and brothers in the community.

Miss Essie King of Durham visited her parents last Sunday.

Mr. Walter King of Birmingham Als., is at home for seeveral days, Mrs. Hurley, widow of the late Mr. Joe Hurley. died at her home in

Ramseur January 25. She was loved and highly esteemed by a large circle of relatives and friends. The bereaved family have our deepest sympathy.

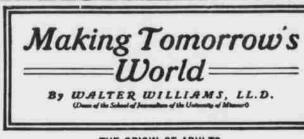
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340mg mass meeting of citizens in Charlotte Thursday night organizd the Mecklenburg Declaration Society for the purpose of perpetuat-ing the memory of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independnece and re solved to hold an annual celebration

every May hereafter. Mr. F. Bre-vard McDowell was elected presi-





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the direction and control of expendi-ture were discussed. And because town-planning takes into account in

its largest vision the city's suburba and the country side, even far re-moved, there was report of farm dwellings and farms, of the provision

of houses in country as in town. The gathered experiences of a dozen na-tions, through official representatives

from their chief cities, were presented. Conspicuous was the object lesson presented in an exhibit by a learned

St. Andrew's professor, in picture, chart and model, of the changing plans of towns, from the glorification of the Caesar, the church or the state,

Berlin or Rome or Washington, to the good of the men and women and even

of the boys and giris, who were the

Takes Parks to the People. We have built our towns not to fit us but to fit our neighbors' eyes.

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residents.

Ghent, Belgium. subordinated to the interest of the community. The crowded housing, which the greed of real estate pro-moters so frequently brings about in -Town-plan ing is not a nodern invenmoters so frequently brings about in small as well as large towns, is not permitted under the new town-plan-ning legislation. Society has rights which even the real estate agents must respect. Cities, which were for-merly built for the power and the glory of the overlord, and, more lat-terly, for the pocket of the landlord, are to be constructed for common tion. Only the of the planning has Towns were planned yes-terday for the glory of the great and the enjoy-ment of the few, for show or for are to be constructed for common. safety against invasion. The town planners of to-day are working

are to be constructed for common, ordinary folks, the class to which most of us belong. Life is to be preferred above mere property. Now all this can not be brought about in a day. The building of Rome took longer, whatever its plan-ning or lack of planning required. other and totally different lines. Almost within the decade Progress, remarkable progress, has been made, The Ghent Congress showed that much has been accomwithin the decade has developed the town planning which takes into ac-count the great majority of the people who dwell in the towns. The new town-planner is a prac-tical democrat. This was the cen-tral and significant thought of the First International Town Planning Congress held in this quaint, historic city of Ghent, Belgium, in the Palace of Congresses of its beautiful exposiplished in less than a decade. The reconstruction of Vienna, the working-men's houses in Germany, the making over of certain poorer quarters in Paris and Brussels and Ghent, Gar-den City, near London, and other city suburbs in Great Britain, are examples of the new but widespread movement for better housing for town and counof Congresses of its beautiful exposi-tion. Town-planning involves house-planning. Plans are futile unless workable. The provision of funds and try.

Better Housing Progress in England. Great Britain, where conditions of life are more nearly similar to those in the United States, contributed the results of its recent experimental leg-islation. This legislation, in substance, was designed to simplify and cheapen the existing procedure for acquiring land for housing purposes and to deal with insanitary areas and unhealthful dwellings, to require landlords to keep rented houses in proper repair, and to provide for town planning. Under this act 140 British towns have adopted schemes of town planning to guide their growth and development. Parm land to the amount of 160,000 acres has been purchased and upon it have been installed 13,000 smallhold ers. Ninety per cent of this state ac-quisition of land was not by compu-sion but by rolondary acreement with dunition of and was not of compar-sion but by voluntary agreement with landowners. Ninety-eight per cent of the 13,000 smallholders rent the land. Only two per cent bought it from the state, the others preferring to be ten-ants of the county councils, to which is entrusted the local administration

Britain could employ, if necessary, compulsory powers to purchase land in considerable blocks, erecting cot-tages, four to an acre, thereon and ages, four to an acre, thereon and make the scheme profitable at 75 cents a week. This estimate included, in addition to \$750 for the cost of the cottage, \$250 for the land. After due allowance was added for loan charges, allowance was added for ioan charges, repairs, insurance, and supervision, the total annual cost to be met was set down at \$160 per group of four, which works out about 75 cents a week for each.

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Week for each. Model Cottage for 62 Cents Weekly. The model was shown of a cottage in Surrey, England, actually built and restied to three young women earning their living. This cottage has three bedrooms, parlor, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, coal-cellar. A framework of block weather boarding was used of block weather-boarding was used for the external walls. Between this and the plaster interior is an air space which is said to make the house warm and dry and perfectly weather-proof. It cost, land included, \$600 and rents

Better housing on the farm may not, of course, check the movement of pop-ulation to the city. Perhaps it is neither necessary nor desirable to re-tain upon the soil, under today's condition, so large a proportion of the population as yesterday. The more rural conditions are improved, the better the wages and the housing, the higher the education at the school, the less will the farm-laborer be satisfied with the country as it is. So better farm conditions, through Hous-ing Reform and in other ways, brings an increased betterment of all rural life conditions for those who remain and, with better conditions, fewer hands are needed. It was not a far cry, therefore, when the Town Planning Congress heard one speaker em-phasize the need for a more comforta-ble rural life and for a more intensive agriculture.

A Sium Life Story. Over against the progress of the new attack upon the old sium, as shown by the Ghent Congress, may be put a story told a few evenings before at a London club. Miss B., an old maid with much money and nothing to and with much money and nothing to do, became interested in slum work. She rented rooms in a London slum district, gave tea and cake-the British climax of afternoon hospitality-to children who came and presented material for any garments they would make. One little girl worried Miss B. She looked so poor and ill and mis-erable. Finally the Good Samaritan decided to invite the child to her coun decided to invite the child to her coun-try home for a week's holiday, an in-vitation accepted with delight. The good woman made every provision for her comfort, a pretty bedroom, toys and playmates and books, food and flowers. The child of the slums could stand it only four days. She wanted to go back to London the second day, she cried all the third day and neither food nor fruit nor flowers could tempt food nor fruit nor flowers could tempt her on the fourth. She invented ex-cuses to induce her benefactor to take her back to her tenement dwelling-she dreamt her mother was dead, she had sprained her foot, her father had written that her baby brother was ill. The truth was that her small Cockney soul fairly sickened for the sights and smells of the slums and that a hapenny worth of chips eaten from a scrap of newspaper tasted to her sweeter than a well-cooled omelette served in a china plate. "They are all the same," said he who told the story as argument against the new crusade against the slum, town-planning for all the people, "they are all the same; you can do nothing with them—dress them, feed them, pamper them, it is all the same, they will fall back into the gutter and regard you as an enemy for trying to lift them out." "It is not an effort to lift men from

"It is not an effort to lift men from the slums," quietly replied the St. An-drew's professor, "It is an effort to abolish the slum, so that no one will

be born therein. For if there is no be born therein. For if there is no hog-wallow, even the swine cannot re-turn to it." Heaven, if the town plans of John the Belowed are realized, is to be a slumless city-not a country-place-a city in which there will be asither sor-mer nor corrige por pain for the forcity in which there will be helicle' sor-row nor crying nor pain, for the for-mer things of yesterday will have passed away. And this city, near at hand on earth, the zealous, optimistic town-planners of Ghent all see, at least "in their mind's eye, Horatic!" (Copyright, 1914, by Joseph B. Howles.) Cannot Fix Age of World. The age of the world implies fixing the date of the creation, and acleatists do not attempt to do that beyond may-ing that it must be recknoed by mil-lions of years. Many Bibles are print-ed with the year 4004 B. C. in the margin of the first chapter of Genessis, indicating that as the date of the creation of the world. It is only with-in comparatively recent times that sedence has demonstrated beyond Indicating the as the tast of the orbit of the creation of the world. It is only with-in comparatively recent times that science has demonstrated beyond doubt that the world existed millions of years before the period formerly assigned as the date of the creation, and that its occupancy by man covers a period hundreds of times as long as that formarly accepted as the age of the world itself. The predistorio period means the period antedating written history. Human records by means of hierostyphics which, as now known, reach back far beyond the period formerly accepted as the date of the creation of the world.



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levard and avenue and park, contrast sharply with dwelling houses. Edin-burgh has Prince's Street, most bean-tiful, but has-or had-also North Canorgate. Paris has the Champ Elysees and the Avenue de l'Opera, and all the sparkling boulevards, but also the sidestreets of Montmartre and Belleville. London has St. James' Park and-Whitechapel. The same vard McDowell was elected presi-dent of the society and Rev. Dr. John L. Caldwell secretary. Both are descendants of the original signers. D. L. AG. EG. L.

of the scheme. Nor has this result, according to its advocates, depressed private enterprise. Landlords, im-bued with a spirit of enlightened self-interest enterprise. buck with a spirit of single-back shir-interest, entered into healthy compe-tition with the state, and leased 40,000 other acres to 3,000 tenanis. The scheme has cost the state about \$15,-000,000. In the towns, last year, 47,000 dilapidated houses were made fit for human habitation by the law's control of landlerds \$4,000,000 was loazed for of landlords, \$4,000,000 was loaned for workingmen's dwellings and all on the basis of economic prices and rents.

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Private enterprise was here, too, ap-parently stimulated for in two years the number of new houses of low val-uation and rent, constructed by land-lords and real estate owners, under state-approved plans, increased by 120,000.

30,000. Etate to Build Laborers' Cottages. The British county council is often ontrolled by landlords and other owners of real estate, who, in a spirit of shortsightedness, seek to keep rents high. Walter Runciman, the British Minister of Agriculture, plans to have high. Walter Runciman, the British Minister of Agriculture, plans to have the state at large build cottages for farm-laborers and town workingmen when necessary. The state, he esti-mates, could build cottages for ade-quate size and character, at \$750 each and rent them, without loss, at 75 cents a week. He thinks 100,000 such cottages are immediately needed. With each cottage would be provided land sufficient for small farming and gardening. Housing is regarded as a central evil in the present situation alities of the farm and town laborer. The insanitary and Ill-provided cot-tage which the laborer on the farm receives in part payment for his labor from the farmer or which the town workman rents at an exorbitant price. Reops the farm laborer in economic subjection or promotes cougestion in the towns. The Runciman plan com-mits Great Britain to a further step toward solving this bounds problem. The Ghent Congress heard that Great

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