

Meetings and Reports

International Housing Congress.

At Vienna, at the Ninth International Housing Congress, the single house set in its own garden was dwelt upon as the goal toward which all city housing reformers were striving. There 1,400 delegates, representing all the countries of Europe, un-animously concurred in regarding this as the only real solution of the problem.

However, it is one thing to talk about country life, the joys of which most of us know full well, and quite another to find oneself during a long weary hour or two jammed into an already bursting train, only to be forced out long before daybreak to repeat the torture back into town again. Much depends on this question of transit. Every device capable of moving crowds back and forth easily and cheaply should be investigated. A plan should be made which would take the probable growth of the city far into the future.

Main radial lines for traffic should be determined. Circumferential lines connecting the outlying points should be provided for. Sites for public buildings, parks, squares, and playgrounds should be laid out. And as cities extend up to these points care should be taken to see that property owners conform to the plans. It is most interesting to see what England is doing along this line under her new Town Planning Act, what Germany is doing in many of her towns, and how France is even contemplating making town extension planning compulsory.

It is useless to talk to manufacturers about the increased efficiency of labor in the country. The chief way he can be reached is through his pocketbook. He can be reached on that side in one most important way, and that is through cheaper and better transportation and storage facilities.

Sex Hygiene.

In a recent lecture before the Society of

Sex Hygiene in Detroit, Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, professor of physiology in Northwestern University, said among other things:

"The man who is going to battle with and overcome the problems of the twentieth century, needs every ounce of vital force that nature intended him to have. The 'mollycoddle' who persists in a defiance of the laws of hygiene, may make a fair record in school and college—but when he goes out into the world and confronts the great crisis of his life—a crisis that calls for great physical endurance—his tottering edifice of manhood crumbles into ruin."

In the course of his address, Dr. Hall applied the big stick to the "advertising quacks," as he called them. He told of a young man who came to him in Chicago, after doctoring for three months with one of these quacks who, by giving exaggerated importance to certain symptoms, had convinced the young man that he was really "in the last stages of decay."

"He had been paying this quack \$75 a month, all the money that he could earn, beg or borrow, when I discovered that the trouble was all occasioned by a simple disorder of the eyes, which was corrected with a pair of glasses, costing the young man \$4.50," said Dr. Hall. "He had already paid the quack \$150."

"Do these quacks ever show themselves in a medical convention?" shouted Dr. Hall. "Well, I should say not! Do they have any standing in the profession? Well, I should say not! I tell you men, if you get worried go to your old family physician. If you haven't one go to somebody else's family physician, but give these quacks a wide berth."

Dr. Hall pictured the awful doom that husbands sometimes bring upon innocent wives through evil associations.

"We must come to the point where there shall be but one standard of purity," said the speaker impressively. "We demand purity in our wives; shall we not exhibit it in our own selves?"