

HOUSING POOR OF SCOTLAND

Efforts of the Authorities to Do Away With Slums.

The Work So Far Accomplished in City of Glasgow Has Cost a Tremendous Sum of Money.

The complete returns of the census for 1901 in Scotland which have been published indicate only too clearly that the exodus from the country districts into the large cities is still greatly on the increase. As a consequence, on this side of the Tweed, as in London and Birmingham, there is in progress a movement which has for its ultimate object the reduction, if not the entire removal, of those slums which are not only the haunts of crime, misery and vice, but, as two outbreaks both of bubonic plague and of smallpox within one year in Glasgow alone have demonstrated, are the breeding grounds of disastrous epidemics. In Scotland, as in England, enthusiasts are dreaming of "garden cities" and, like Mr. H. G. Wells, who, as everyone knows, is the author of the "War of the Worlds," the great centers of population being conveyed speedily and nightly into the country "by twopenny tube motor-car, or that "quonoo-rail" which is already seriously suggested as a means of bringing Edinburgh and Glasgow within 25 minutes of each other. Apart from such possibilities, however, two circumstances are telling in favor of a revival of that popular agitation for a more effective treatment of the housing problem which led the Presbytery of Glasgow thirteen years ago to take special evidence as to the condition of the poor by means of a commission. In the first place, the religious organizations of the country, following the example of the Salvation Army, are making a fresh effort to cope with that "mad criminal drunkenness" as Lord Rosebery called it in his great speech in Glasgow—which is

THE CURSE AND SCANDAL OF SCOTLAND,

and holds its most hideous carnival in the slums and "closes" of Edinburgh and Glasgow. In the second place, there is an all but universal feeling that only through some solution of the housing problem can the "decent" be separated from the "vicious" among the poor.

Taking advantage of the large powers conferred upon them, most Scottish city corporations have scheduled unsanitary dwellings in specific areas, have purchased and demolished them, and sold the sites for other purposes. While the inhabitants of these areas have been evicted, the provision of other and cheap houses for them is a problem which the corporations have tried to solve either directly or indirectly through partially regulated enterprise. Glasgow, as the largest city in Scotland, supplies the best illustration of what is being done and of what can be done. There the corporation through a body of its own appointment known as the Housing Committee, which acquires lands for building purposes and erects houses and shops. Thus, on one set of lands alone, 46 blocks of buildings have been constructed. These include 200 shops and 1,455 dwelling houses, among the latter being 402 one-apartment houses, 892 two-apartment houses, 150 three-apartment houses, and eleven houses of larger size. The minimum rents charged for the one-apartment houses is £4 10s, for the two-apartment houses £2 15s, and for the three-apartment houses £12 9s, while the maximum rents are £5, £14 and £21 respectively. As a result of the general work of the trust in destroying bad houses and erecting good ones, the death rate over the city, which in 1876 was 27.4 per 1,000, is now 21.1; and in the central district, which is the least sanitary, the rate has been reduced from 40 to 30. There is really, however, no end to the labors of any corporation which seeks to solve its own housing problem in its own way. The census returns now issued show the exact position of the city. In 1891 there in Glasgow had an average of 2,325 persons per room, or 2,063 persons per room. At the census of 1901, when the city had been largely extended by annexation, the houses had an average of 2,562 persons and 4,778 persons, or only 1,855 persons per room. There are 22,709 houses of one apartment each in which live 104,128 persons, or 3,183 per room. There are 70,754 houses of two apartments each, in which are housed 246,242 persons, or 3,465 per room. There are 28,065 houses of three apartments each, in which are housed 151,754 persons, or 5,409 per room. In short, nearly one-half of the population live in houses of two apartments. In 1891 there were 23,092 houses of one apartment, and in the same area there are now only

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29,436 such houses. In spite of this improvement there is still

DECIDED OVERCROWDING.

The census returns show that, although the number of inhabited houses is 155,404, the number of families is 153,422. It follows from this that many houses must shelter more than one family; and, of course, a two-roomed house containing two families is not necessarily more sanitary than two single-roomed houses.

On July 30 of the present year a very large number of dwelling-houses—probably between 1,000 and 2,000—will be closed under the Glasgow Building Regulation Act of 1900, apart altogether from 160 other houses which may be closed from dampness and want of ventilation and other unsanitary conditions under the Police Act of 1890. As a consequence the corporation have come to the decision to apply to parliament for fresh powers to acquire by agreement—and at a cost of £750,000—land for building purposes, and have announced their intention of erecting new houses similar to those built by the improvement trust committee since its establishment. This announcement has given impulse to parliament for further inquiry and action, which is certain to increase in volume as the time for obtaining the necessary parliamentary sanction draws near. In the first place it is pointed out that the corporation is essaying at least one task which it ought not to undertake, and which it will fail in even were it to succeed in the attempt. Sir Robert Giffen has in a letter put the matter thus: "As yet, although the Glasgow corporation has invested a good deal of money, they have not housed more than 10,000 families. If they are to make a great impression on the housing problem, they will have to accommodate in the end probably 100,000 families, if not more, involving ten times the expenditure already incurred. All the while, the corporation will be hampered and the corporation will have become the chief employer of labor and the chief landlord in Glasgow, which are both undesirable positions for the corporation to hold." London Times.

ELEPHANTS ARE VERY PECULIAR ANIMALS

A Circus Man's Stories of Matthew Scott and Jumbo.

"Elephants are very peculiar animals. No one possibly could tell what they will take a notion to, or who they will turn against, and there is no telling in advance what they will do toward any one. They are more than women when it comes to finding out."

The speaker was W. H. Gardner, general agent of the Adam Forepaugh & Seils Bros., who was in the city a few hours yesterday. Mr. Gardner has been around the world repeatedly. Continuing he said:

"The general supposition obtains that elephants may be handled only by the severest methods. In some respects that is true. But there are some elephants that will not stand any sort of punishment. They know their strength and will use it if provoked. One of the most noted illustrations of this fact was Jumbo. Mr. Bailey purchased Jumbo from the Zoological Gardens of London. He brought with him from the time he first came from Siam to London."

"Now, Scott was one of the greatest little men ever seen. He has been working in Mr. Bailey's menagerie since Jumbo's death, taking care of small animals and, by the way, he is in Europe with Mr. Bailey now doing the same thing. Jumbo was the only elephant he ever handled."

"When Jumbo arrived we all went down to the dock. There had been some difficulties in getting him aboard the ship at London, and like difficulties were expected here in unloading him. Mr. Bailey sent Scott in to see Jumbo. The little man went in and began to talk to the biggest brute in the world since prehistoric times. His soft, gentle voice could scarcely be heard. With his hands empty Scott went up to Jumbo in his room, which had been built upon the upper deck of the ship, and walked up to him confidently and said:

"Hello, Jumbo. Nice old Jumbo. Won't you come with me? Jumbo? Come on, Jumbo. Come along!"

"And as he loosened the chains upon Jumbo's ankles the big fellow stepped out of the house and submitted quietly to the process of being hoisted off the ship by means of an enormous crane. Scott remained with Jumbo all the time. He paid no attention to any of the other elephants. Among them was a very big and very bad elephant called Pilot, who long since paid the death penalty for his wickedness. It was plain to see that Pilot was horribly jealous of Jumbo. Before

Jumbo's arrival Pilot had been the star monster of the herd, and he seemed to know that he had been superseded as well as we do it.

"One evening at Lansing, Mich., Pilot got loose from his chains, and, without making any noise, he worked his way around in front of Jumbo's place of honor in the menagerie. Suddenly Scott felt himself seized and dragged backwards, and in the next instant he saw before him the enormous trunk of Jumbo, which, beyond the protecting trunk he saw the maddened Pilot standing before him, shrieking his anger at being prevented by Jumbo from wreaking his dislike upon Scott. But old Jumbo stood just there, holding Scott between his trunk and his fore legs, and Mr. Pilot knew it would be bad work for him to come any nearer."

"Pilot's shrieks were heard all around the show, and in a moment his keepers came running in from the cook tent, where they were eating their supper, and for a while they had a lively time of it getting Pilot back to his place and getting him securely chained."

"Another time, at Ottumwa, Iowa, Pilot led the other elephants into a stampede. At first it seemed as if Jumbo would join them, but when old Scott said, 'Here, Jumbo, what are you going to do? You are not going to leave old Scott, are you?' Stay here, Jumbo, and I am blessed if the big fellow didn't quiet down in an instant. A few moments later the other elephants got beyond control of their keepers and headed off through an alley at the side of the show grounds. Old Scott took Jumbo, and hurrying out to the end of the alley, where the elephants were shrieking and kicking, as they were deciding what they would do, Scott sent Jumbo into the alley ahead of him, saying 'Send them home, Jumbo. Make them go back, Jumbo.' And make them went."

"Jumbo never got a blow or a prod all the time he was with the show from the time he landed until his untimely death by accident up in Canada. It will be remembered that it was his attempt to rescue his little mate, Tom Thumb, from injury by a train, which caused him to be squeezed between the bank of a cut and the train, and killed. Tom Thumb was the smallest elephant in the herd, and Jumbo would have nothing to do with any of the rest. Tom was a lady elephant despite the name, and Jumbo was her steadfast beau, while old Scott was a sort of guardian to both."—Washington Star.

STILL THEY WONDER

Physicians and Scientists Were Never So Bewildered.

The Ottawa Miracle Is Still Being Discussed at the Regular Meetings of the Doctors of the Capital City.

Ottawa, Ont., May 9.—To say that the miraculous case of George H. Kent, of 309 Gilmore street, had shaken medical circles their very foundations is putting it mildly. The facts of the case have been so thoroughly and satisfactorily established by Mr. Kent's sworn statements as to leave no room for misunderstanding or mistake in the matter.

Mr. Kent had Bright's disease; he had been in bed for months, gradually getting worse; physicians could do nothing for him. When he was taken to his case had reached that stage when his body was terribly bloated. He was so low that he had convulsions, which were rapidly growing more frequent.

In the interval between these convulsions he was almost entirely unconscious. In this extremely the physicians at last lost his wife one evening that he could not live until morning.

While watching by his bedside Mrs. Kent chanced to read a paper, and in it was an advertisement of a cure of Bright's disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills. It was then midnight, and all the drug stores were closed, but she determined that she would try this extremely late hour she would make one more effort to save her husband's life.

Accordingly she dispatched a messenger, woke up the nearest druggist, procured a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills, which she commenced to administer at once.

Mr. Kent did not die that night, for from the first dose of Dodd's Kidney Pills he commenced to improve. All other treatments and medicines were discarded and the use of this remedy continued.

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DEVELOPING A GOOD HUSBAND

Some Thoughts by Author of How to Be Happy, Tho' Married.

Rev. E. J. Hardy Has Some Suggestions for Married People Who Do Not Always Agree.

Men cannot be chivalrous and self-denying if women do not give them the chance of cultivating these noble qualities. Instead of this, some fondly foolish wives encourage their husbands in rudeness and selfishness by not demanding and even insisting upon that attention, consideration and help which every woman, much more a wife, may claim from a man. Some times it is a woman's "highest pleasure" to bear all her husband's burdens. To secure this highest pleasure, she makes him weak, inefficient, and childishly selfish. It she had taken a proper stand and respected herself and her sex during the first year of married life, things would have been different. "To be ever beloved one must be ever agreeable," is it most foolish, as well as wrong, for a young woman, when married, to lay aside those graces and accomplishments that won her husband. It is this sort of thing that made Swift say that "the reason why so few marriages are happy is because young women spend their time in making nets, not in making cages."

"Think not, the husband gained, that all is done, The prize of happiness must still be won. And the careless find it to their cost."

The lover in the husband may be lost. Young wife—Suppose you were to come down late one morning and find the coffee cold, what would you do? Her husband—My dear, I should make it hot for you. Of course a husband ought not to expect much when he is unpunctual at meals, but still it is never safe for a wife to disregard the precept—"Feed the brute."

The following remedy has been suggested for a delicate wife: "For a slight headache give her a dozen pairs of gloves; if it grows worse, a new gown. In extreme cases a new hat has been known to produce instant relief. For nervous debility, a new horse and carriage; for dullness, a theater ticket; extreme weakness, a trip to the sea; nervous irritability, invite the lion of the season to dinner." We do not advise a man to begin his married life by administering drugs in this way, for the domestic pharmacopoeia would soon be exhausted, but there is one thing he ought to do, and that is to abstain from nagging (men can nag as well as women), arousing jealousy and every other action that may even remotely injure the health of his wife. What is the remedy for a bad-husband headache, or one brought on by the worry and fault-finding of a selfish man? A man is always bound to protect the health and honor of his wife, but this is especially the case during the first year of marriage. And the wife on her part ought, for the sake of others, if not for her health, to refrain from dancing about from one kind of dissipation to another. Ignorance of the laws of nature does not make a young woman more innocent or better in any way, and it may destroy or blight her married life.

"What is the reason," one Irishman asked another, "that you and your wife are always disagreeing?" "Because," replied Pat, "we are both of one mind—she wants to be master, and so do I. They go to church and say 'I will obey the Lord my God, and the way home, one or the other says 'I won't,' and that begins it."

A man said, in the presence of Archdeacon Hare, that he and his wife had lived together for thirty years and never had a difference of opinion. Paley's comment was: "Praiseworthy, but how dull!" There is more spice and zest in domestic life when husband and wife do not think exactly alike, and if either of them are the stronger, it is a great mistake, besides being tyrannical, to try to crush the opinions and individuality out of the other. There is room in the world for both, and God knew what he was about when he made them not the same, but of a different pattern.

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to be a good one; whereas, if he thinks that he has lost all credit in this respect, he will become reckless.

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Archdeacon Hare, the following record: "We have reached the end of this happy year. It has given to each of us, I believe, that which is more precious than any other gift of God, and not one anticipation of the happiness attending our union has been in vain. Not one cloud has come between us; each day seems only to draw us more closely together, and to unite our thoughts and feelings more intimately." A sad contrast to this was the experience of a lady, who lately said in my hearing, in order to account for the unhappiness she had suffered in married life: "Oh, we began all wrong."

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