

mean the same old tribute that makes life a grind now. If the opportunity is seized at once, a few thousand dollars would secure an option that would hold until plans had been fully formulated.

This idea is by no means a new one. It has been worked out successfully in Germany, but perhaps the most interesting development to us will be the work done by the Co-partnership Tenants Limited in England. The President this year is Henry Vivian. This association is not a money-making organization; it is purely educational and philanthropic in the broadest sense. It gives expert advice and helps organize just such schemes as XYZ proposes.

The Garden City idea of restricting the number of houses to be built upon an acre and providing for open spaces where children and young people can play and the older people can rest and enjoy themselves in a rational manner, has been worked out in Great Britain in Bournville, Coryndon, Ealing, Earswick, Hampstead, Hull, Leicester, Manchester, Oldham, Port Sunlight, Sevenoaks, Sheffield, Warrington and Wolverhampton Garden Suburb, and several other places upon a smaller scale. Many of these have been in operation for years, and their success is beyond question. Some of these garden suburbs in Great Britain are built upon 25 or 30 acres of land; many of them do not include more than a hundred acres; a few, however, have taken in large estates and are developing them co-operatively. Those interested should write to Crossley Greenwood, F.I.S.A., 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., England for explanatory literature.

By all means, keep the ball rolling.

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To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

I read with particular interest the article in the last issue of *The Civilian* on "A Civil Service Model Suburb," for it appeared to me to touch a very live issue in which scores and

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possibly hundreds of civil servants are very practically concerned. No family man who has been paying rent for ten or fifteen years but realizes what an unsatisfactory jughandled arrangement this tenancy business is. He sees in cold figures in his account book that he has paid enough into another man's pocket to have made the house his own, and yet he is not one dollar ahead. It can scarcely be fairly charged that this is entirely his own fault,—the lack of a few hundred dollars to start the deal has been the apparently insuperable obstacle.

Your correspondent, — "A wise 'head'" would be an appropriate signature for him — offers a solution which appeals to me personally, but I'm doubtful if a sufficient number would come in to make it workable, for the reason that this man prefers this locality, and that man wants another, and if the men were satisfied their wives and daughters probably would not be, and that is yet more fatal. The young folks particularly