



# Town Planning— The Beautification of the City

Lecture in Wellington by **S. Hurst Seager, F.R.I.B.A.**



Mr. S. Hurst Seager, F.R.I.B.A., of Christchurch, gave a lecture during the month in the Concert Chamber, Town Hall, Wellington, which was very keenly listened to by those who attended. The Mayor, Mr. J. P. Luke, C.M.G., was in the chair, and heartily welcomed the speaker. The Mayor stated that, so far as he was concerned, Wellington would give cordial support to any schemes of Town Plan-

many people as a very "dry" subject. It is unfortunate, for it is a generic name for all human activities which make for the betterment of life. Town Planning includes not only the setting out of towns, but all questions relating to health, convenience of traffic, healthy and artistic homes for everyone, as well as all places of instruction and entertainment. Recreation grounds for all ages; from



Pompevil's Cottages, rent £6 weekly. These Cottages in the Model Industrial Village established by Geo. Cadbury, are substantially built, and contain two bedrooms, a large living room, kitchen, scullery, etc.

ning and Beautification of the city, and if greater powers were given to Municipal bodies so as to place them in a stronger position, something definite could be done.

Mr. Seager in his opening remarks made reference to the visit of Messrs. Reade and Davidge, who travelled through New Zealand giving Town Planning lectures a year or so ago. He commented on the fact that Town Planning was looked upon by

the sand heaps and paddling pools for the little ones and sports grounds for our young man and womanhood, to the quiet parks and places of rest for the aged. Town Planning demands that these things shall be done, so that not only health and vigour, but also enjoyment of life shall be the heritage of all.

Town Planning in the future, like the Cathedral of old, will be the work of many trained minds working in harmony for one great ideal. The speaker