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ington, D. C., and is Now a Partner
of Andrew Carnegie.

George Megrew, formerly purchasing
agent of the Carnegie Company, in fact
one of Carnegie's "thirty young part-
ners," has recently chosen Cleveland as
his home.

The old saying that "truth is stranger
than fiction" was never more clearly
proved than in the life story of this
young man.

A man who, though not yet 30 years
of age, is a millionaire.
A man whose early life has been so
strenuous that already he is seeking to
regain his health, long ago shattered by
hard work.

It is not often that the world hears
of a young fellow only 28 years old,
who retires on an annual income of
\$35,000, the principal of which was
largely made through his own efforts.
But such a man is George Megrew.

Mr. Megrew came to Cleveland a
short time ago from Pittsburgh. He had
often visited in this city, and decided
that here was the spot that would in
time seem the most like home to him,
for he it known that Mr. Megrew is a
bachelor, and rather alone in the world,
as far as relatives go, although he has
hosts of friends, for he is a charming
man to meet, and makes friends every-
where.

After due consideration he decided to
purchase a home at the corner of Euclid
and Rosedale avenues.

Here Mr. Megrew has made for him-
self an extremely beautiful and at the
same time a comfortable home.

Mr. Megrew has always been a work-
er at that. His success, that has come
to him so early in life, is not due to
luck. Almost at the beginning of life
he has had to look out for himself, and
the home he has just completed on
Euclid avenue is the first "real" home
he has known since he was a tiny chap
of three summers.

Of course Mr. Megrew is an Ohio
man. He was born in Wooster, Wayne
County, in the year of '73.

When only 8 years of age he was
working as cash boy in a dry goods
store in Denver. At the age of 11 he
was hustling for a living in Wash-
ington, D. C. In the capital he sold papers
and did odd jobs. One day he met a
man who, after buying a paper, stopped
a moment and spoke kindly to the lad.
The man was Congressman McKinley.

He at once took a liking to young
Megrew and offered to secure for him a
pageship in the house. This the boy re-
fused, for he wanted to go to school.

In 1888 Megrew's grandfather died
and the lad went to Wooster to attend
the funeral. Here he met H. C. Frick,
who, taking a decided liking to Megrew
—just as Mr. McKinley did—offered
him a clerkship in his office, which was
accepted. When Frick became chair-
man of the Carnegie Company he trans-
ferred Megrew to the offices of that
concern as assistant to the cashier.

Then began Mr. Megrew's career. By
steady application to business he won
the respect of his superiors and within
a short time was promoted. Soon more
promotions came to the hard-working
youth, until in 1898 he was given an in-
terest in the Carnegie Company as a
Christmas gift, with the position of
purchasing agent.

This position carried a salary of
\$7,000 a year, and Mr. Megrew held it
until the fall of 1900, at the time of the
controversy regarding the "ironclad
agreement."

For several years his health had been
falling, and for the past year Mr.
Megrew has been seeking to regain his
health. But he has not been "idling
the time away" by any manner of
means. He is interested in real estate
in Pittsburgh, and his interests in the
big steel corporation require much of
his time.

Then, too, Mr. Megrew is deeply inter-
ested in church work, and he does a
great deal of work along charitable
lines, taking a particular interest in
the newsboys, for this young millionaire
never forgets the days of his boyhood
when he sold papers on the streets of
Washington.

In his beautiful new home Mr.
Megrew has many mementoes of famous
men of this country who are numbered
among his friends. In the hall he has
hanging a drawing by Chartran of the
late President McKinley, made in Can-
ton, besides an inscribed picture of the
artist himself. Mr. Megrew has also in-
numerable letters of great value. One
of which Mr. Megrew is particularly fond
is from Mr. Carnegie personally, praising
him for his work, and telling him of
his selection as one of the young part-
ners in the great steel corporation.—
Cleveland Leader.

CALLS LONDON SQUALID.
Architect Makes Invidious Compar-
isons with Other Cities.
A candid friend of London has ap-
peared in the person of Mr. Trevail,
the new president of the Society of
Architects. In his presidential address
at St. James Hall Mr. Trevail said:

"The impression that always falls
upon one when returning from either
the European or American continents
to London is the wretchedly narrow
and insignificant-looking streets, with
their low, mean, small shops and dwell-
ings by contrast with what we have
just left behind us. It is of little inter-
est to be told how many hundreds of
miles of the same sort of thing London
contains, more than does any other
metropolis in christendom or elsewhere.
'The fact still remains in your mind
in a general sense that London looks

squalid and miserable by comparison,
and that feeling affects one for days,
until he once more gets seasoned into
the old haunts and relapses into that
comfortable frame of mind that after
all even the Strand and Chancery Lane
or Fleet street and Ludgate Circus,
with all their advertising abominations,
look at least familiar and homely!

"Take the city of London. It may
have some of the finest commercial
palaces in the world, rivaling those of
old Venice herself; but look how they
are huddled together! There is posi-
tively not the space to appreciate their
design, their proportions or their detail.
Compare the Champs Elysees, Place de
la Concorde, or the boulevards of Paris
with our best streets and squares, and
where are we?"

"Or, say, the Ringstrasse of Vienna,
or the Boulevard Andraszy at Buda-
pest, or, carrying our thoughts across
the Atlantic, to Broadway, Fifth ave-
nue, Riverside, and Central Park, New
York; the Commonwealth avenue,
Boston; Victoria square, Montreal;
East avenue, Rochester; Delaware ave-
nue, Buffalo; Drexel boulevard, Wash-
ington boulevard, or State street, Chi-
cago; Pennsylvania avenue, Washing-
ton, or dozens of others that might be
named. Alongside of these our Strand,
our Whitehall, our Victoria streets, Reg-
ent street, Piccadilly, Park Lane, Ox-
ford street, etc., are but wretched apolo-
gies for what leading streets and thor-
oughfares should be.

"If we except the Thames embank-
ment, Shaftesbury avenue, and the new
thoroughfare that is about to be made
between the Strand and Holborn," said
Mr. Trevail, according to the London
Mail, "nothing of an adequate scale to
the size and importance of this metrop-
olis has yet been attempted. With the
dilapidated, rickety, old ramshackle
properties that we see in some of the
best and most central parts of London,
what is wanted is a general rebuilding
and improvement scheme fixed after
mature deliberation by a competent
central authority specially constituted
by parliament, after consultation with
the chief local authorities and perhaps
the representative societies of architec-
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