

*"A tranquil old city, wide streeted, tree planted...." That's what the English novelist Thackeray wrote of Savannah, Ga., in 1856 while visiting Andrew Low, a wealthy cotton merchant. Low's fine mansion (below) faces one of 20 squares that highlight the heart of the city.*



*Today, the charm of old Savannah has been rediscovered, and this once-busy cotton port – spared from twentieth-century "progress" – throbs with new vitality. Families have found that its graciousness and airy layout make it a wonderful place to live. (continued)*