

station were invited to the Amir's ball. And they all came, too, from the dignified Political Agent swollen with his own importance, to the boy who washed the bottles in the apothecary's shop. And the Amir peeped down on them from behind a curtain on a balcony above, and thought it a very fine sight indeed. It was quite right and proper in his eyes that the Russians should provide him with such an excellent show. It is the contemplation of other people's exertions that gives pleasure in the East. But more amusing reminiscences followed of the Amir's ball which, unfortunately, we have not the space to record.

The pictures which were put upon the screen were perfectly unique, and some were most wonderfully beautiful, and, as Miss Heather Bigg, who occupied the chair, remarked, it was very difficult indeed to say whether the lecture or the views had afforded the greater pleasure although personally she thought she had most enjoyed the lecture.

At the close of the lecture Miss Meakin said that she had ordered four of her books to be brought to the hall and they would be sold for the benefit of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund. To the great disappointment of some of the nurses they were all gone before they could walk across the hall, but we have looked at one of the copies and can inform them that the cost of the book is 3s. 6d. and it can be obtained through any bookseller on mentioning the name of its publishers, Messrs. Allen & Unwin. We have dipped into its pages and find it very fascinating indeed, in fact, some members went a second journey to far Bokhara, by way of its pages, on the evening of the lecture.

#### INVITATION TO SECOND CHARTER TEA.

Several members have explained that they were unable to accept the invitation of the Executive Committee to the "Charter Tea" at 10, Orchard Street on the 17th inst. owing to their being free,

in the daytime, only on a Saturday afternoon. It has therefore been arranged that there shall be a second "Charter Tea" on Saturday, January 4th from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., to which trained nurses are very cordially invited.

#### QUALIFIED WOMEN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

Some members of the Corporation ask us to announce that they have arranged that a Conference shall take place in their Clubroom at 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1, on Saturday, January 11th, at 3 p.m. Miss Wise and Miss Alderman will read papers dealing with the urgent need for properly-qualified women for posts in all branches of Public Health Work. Miss Atherton will take the Chair, and an informal discussion will follow the papers. Tea will be served after the meeting. Conferences on such a subject are of the utmost importance at the present time, and the nurses, who have arranged that for 11th prox, sent up a request to the Executive Committee that a larger Conference should take place on the same subject under the auspices of their Association early in the new year. The Committee hope to hold this in February. Only fully-trained nurses may attend on January 11th.

#### APPOINTMENT.

Miss Ethel Wallis has been appointed Matron of Sherburn Hospital, near Durham. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, and joined the Association during the current year.

#### OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Dr. Percy Lush, who became a member of the Corporation in 1900. He always took a great interest in its work and has frequently served on the General Council.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,  
Secretary to the Corporation.

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