

Carpathians, the Cotswolds and other mountains. At one time, in those countries, there was a large inland sea, and, on the map showing this, Mr. Berry pointed out a little river—the baby Danube. Next appeared views of the ordinary scenery of the lands, of prosperous farms that existed before the war, of parts of the beautiful River Danube celebrated for the hot mud baths which were known to the Romans and are believed to have very curative effects in the treatment of rheumatism.

Later, there was a fine old ruined castle, of which Mr. Berry related a gruesome legend, which, he said, was probably true to a great extent. A lady who owned the castle, about the time of our own Queen Elizabeth, one day struck a servant maid and a drop of blood fell on her arm. This left a red spot on her skin, as blood will do if left on for a certain length of time. The lady was consumed with a great desire to regain the beauty, for which she had been famed in earlier years, and, on showing them the red mark, some of her ladies told her that the blood of young maidens would restore this beauty, and so she killed those in large numbers. They were invited to the castle, and, as they entered it, by certain machinery they were slain as they crossed the threshold. It is said that some two hundred young girls lost their lives in this way in this great castle up in the mountains.

Several views of those magnificent mountains were shown, over which Mr. and Mrs. Berry had gone with their bicycles. Houses in the country were very quaintly decorated with figures on their white walls, for the history of those lands has been largely preserved by their ballads, and the heroes of those are painted on the walls with their names beneath.

A beautiful white marble church of the thirteenth century was shown with its wonderful carvings. Scenes on the Gorge of the Danube were particularly interesting, and even a lantern view of the narrow road cut out of the precipice, high above the river, almost gave one a sense of giddiness. Again, on another slide was shown the picture of a road cut in the rock by engineers of the year 105 A.D. Parts of it are, of course, completely worn away now.

Mr. Berry referred to certain problems which would arise for the Peace Conference, owing to the mixture of languages in those countries of the lower Danube, and told an incident of how, in twenty minutes, he asked questions of different people and got replies in four different languages. Although they all lived in the same spot, each knew only one of those languages sufficiently well to carry on a conversation.

Attention was drawn to the two distinct types of faces among the dwellers on the Roumanian frontier—the Roumanian and the Serb type—the one long and thin, the other round. Later pictures of very old statues were put on the screen, in which the same types appeared.

A most interesting portion of the lecture was that connected with the fortified churches of

Roumania. Their courtyards were shown, with their great storehouses for provisions, and their towers, from one of each of which a hundred men could shoot at once.

We have rarely, if ever, seen such a magnificent collection of slides put on any screen, and at the close of his lecture Mr. Berry invited his audience to ask questions, an invitation promptly taken advantage of.

A very hearty vote of thanks for his delightful lecture was accorded to Mr. Berry on the motion of Miss Pearse.

TEN THOUSAND YEARS OF CIVILIZATION.

LECTURE.

We remind our members of what is sure to prove one of the most popular lectures of the series now being given under the auspices of the Corporation—that by Professor Flinders Petrie on "Ten Thousand Years of Civilization." It will be delivered at the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square on Thursday, January 30th, at 2.45 p.m. The lecture will be fully illustrated by lantern slides.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—I have read this morning the account of the Conference last Saturday, and I think the papers are just splendid. Women who can write papers such as those are quite capable of managing their own affairs, but I suppose that is just the reason why "their betters" object to their being allowed to do so. Could you not manage to have a conference on private nursing work. The time is come when we private nurses are face to face with difficulties which have never, to anything like the same extent, confronted us before, and a conference like that held last Saturday might help to get us more into line with each other. Do try to arrange something.

Yours, &c.,

M. NASH.

The Executive Committee are quite in agreement with the nurses as regards the value of such conferences and will have pleasure in arranging one such as that suggested if some private nurses will communicate their willingness to contribute short papers.

CHARTER TEA.

As several Members have asked to have another Charter Tea it has been arranged that it shall take place at 10, Orchard Street, on Saturday, February 1st, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. All trained nurses are cordially invited.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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