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BUDAPEST AND THE GREAT HUNGARIAN PLAIN.

Budapest is to many but a name, and Hungary a country chiefly remarkable for "risings" and mineral wealth. Those, however, who attended Mr. W. H. Shrubsole's delightful lecture on "Budapest and the Great Hungarian Plain," given to the Baling Literary Society, on Monday week know better, and henceforward will always associate that country with some of the most beautiful natural scenery and some of the most progressive developments in legislative and social history in Europe. It was a mistake, so the lecturer pointed out, to imagine, as some did, that the Hungarian tongue was forced by Hungary upon the younger generation, for as a matter of fact all kinds of languages were spoken in the schools of Hungary, and there were many respects in which that country stood very much to the forefront in matters of general progress and advancement. The government of Hungary was carried out through two legislative houses, the House of Commons and the House of Magnates, the latter, of course, answering to the British House of Lords. In Hungary, however, this second chamber only possessed the right to delay legislation passed by the other chamber for six months, and practically limited itself to the giving of suggestions, and to the revision of laws passed by the House of Commons. In the matter of "the Land," too, Hungary was far ahead of Britain, and also in many of its social arrangements. The "scattered homes" system was in most successful practice in Hungary, and the State looked after the public welfare in numerous ways. An instance of this was to be found in the establishment of the State bakery. The bakers of Budapest had been in the habit of charging too highly for bread; the State, recognising this fact, erected a State bakery, where better bread was turned out more cheaply,

and hygienic conditions prevailed, the bakery having bath-rooms, and each baker being provided with a special suit of white clothes. The result of this had been that the Budapest bakers had been obliged to fall into line, and the public had benefited all round. The lecture was illustrated with a magnificent series of lantern slides of Budapest and the Great Plain, and both the lecture and the slides were warmly applauded.

The next lecture will be on January 19th, by Mr. F. J. Spencer, D.Sc., Ph.D., on "Liquid Air," with experiments.

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