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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

With the opening of the month the Church's solemn season of Lent begins. Once more I have been at pains to provide much opportunity for withdrawal from the world for prayer and spiritual meditation. I would ask you all to pay attention to the special services list, and for the next few weeks to so order your worldly concerns that you may be free to attend most of these services. You will notice that on Tuesdays in Lent the early celebration of the Holy Communion will be at seven o'clock instead of half-past seven. May I suggest that amongst the objects for self-denial the weekly bridge parties and Sunday morning golf may be two. I commend you all to the mercy of God and pray that this Lent may reveal a real desire for spiritual fervour.

Our Missionary Association is a live thing! To have twenty-seven out of a membership of a little over thirty at an Intercession Service after Evensong is quite good. The monthly meeting was also well attended, although it was a very unpleasant evening for turning out.

You are all aware that much has been said in the "Press" about our Day Schools. The matter has been seriously taxing the thought and energies of the School Managers for some considerable time. Their one desire has been to do what is best for the children in the Parish, and devise some plan whereby the greatest possible number of children may still be kept under the influence of the Church. At length they have adopted a scheme, by which they will still have under their care all children up to their tenth birthday, provided they have the financial support of the Parish to enable them to carry out the necessary alterations in the Girls' and Infants' departments of the present school buildings. You are therefore all asked to attend a meeting in the Boys' School on Monday, March 14th, at 8.15 p.m., when the plan of alteration will be laid before you. It is of the most extreme importance in these days that the children should be well grounded in the Faith upon which our great national character has been built up. I do hope, then, that you will all be present and do your best to back up the Managers in carrying out their plan.

For our own parochial needs it is estimated that we shall be required to raise an extra £150

this year. The reason for this appeal is that many of the original subscribers to the Assessment Scheme have either moved away from the Parish or have died and their places have not yet been filled by the new-comers. I feel quite sure that this amount will be easily raised, but should the assessment scheme fail us we shall be obliged to revert to the old plan of gathering subscriptions for each separate parochial organisation.

I remain, your faithful friend and Vicar,
FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

INTERCESSIONS.

At 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Mondays: Sunday Schools, Day Schools.

Tuesdays: District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

Wednesdays: Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

Thursdays: Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

Fridays: Church Missions, Home & Over-seas

Saturdays: Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

IMPORTANT.—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. SIMMONS, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

We are grateful to our Advertisers for their support of our Magazine, and confidently hope our readers will support them.

Parish Wants.

1. A Litany Desk.
2. A Parish Hall.
3. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
4. A Piano for the Infants' School.
5. A Bath Chair.

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The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m. And on any day except Mondays, between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m.

CHURCHYARD.—Contributions towards keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

Parish News.

BIBLE CLASSES.—A Bible Class for Lads is held in the Church Room on Sundays, at 2.30 p.m.

A Bible Class for Girls is held in the Girls' School, on Sundays, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.—The Company Parades are held on Tuesdays in the Boys' School, for the Juniors at 7.15 p.m., and for the Seniors at 8.15 p.m. A First Aid Class is held in the Church Room on Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

LADS' CLUB.—The Club is open on Wednesday evenings in the Boys' School, from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The minimum subscription is one penny per week. Intending members must be nominated by an existing member.

MOTHERS' MEETING.—This Meeting is held on Thursdays in the Church Room, at 2.30 p.m.

BAND OF HOPE.—The Band of Hope meets in the Boys' School every Monday evening at 6 o'clock.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd, in the Church Room, at 2.30 p.m. The Annual Festival Day is on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th. Members should note the times of the Celebrations of the Holy Communion on that day, and be present at one of them, but more especially at the 10 o'clock one, which will be the Corporate Communion of the Branch.

FEAST DAYS.—March 25th, Feast of the Annunciation. Holy Communion 7 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12.

Lent Services.—The Celebrations of the Holy Communion on the Tuesdays during Lent will be at **7 a.m.**

On Wednesdays at 8 p.m. during Lent a special course of addresses will be given by the Rev. W.

T. Summerfeld, of St. Mark's Church, Teddington. On the Thursdays in Lent there will be a service at 3.15 p.m., when a course of addresses will be given by the Rev. C. E. G. Parry-Okenden, Rector of Hanworth. As far as possible arrangements have been made for special preachers on the Sundays in Lent at the eleven o'clock service. The following are the preachers during March:—March 6th, Rev. H. F. Gaster, Vicar of Stanwell; March 13th, Rev. E. E. Charles, Vicar of Hampton; March 27th, Rev. W. P. C. Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham. On the Sunday evenings in Lent a course of sermons on some of the well-known hymns will be given by the Vicar and Mr. Milton.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—The next Guild Service will be held on the Tuesday in Holy Week, April 12th, in preparation for the Easter Communion.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—On Friday, 11th February, the monthly meeting of the Missionary Association was held in the Church Room, when eighteen members and three visitors attended a discussion on the subject of "The White Man's Authority in the Coloured World."

In opening the discussion the Vicar called attention to the outstanding facts of the situation:—

1. Practically nine-tenths of the habitable globe is to-day under the dominance of the white man, who, starting from his comparatively small home in the north-west quadrant of the world, has gradually pushed his way and his influence into every continent.

2. Wherever the white man has penetrated he has introduced his own civilisation, including the railway, the steam-ship, the aeroplane and, last of all, "wireless." The net result has been the practical annihilation of space, and what we might call "the shrinking of the globe," inasmuch as news and ideas which half-a-century ago took weeks and even months to reach various parts of the world can now be transmitted in the course of a few seconds.

3. But with the twentieth century the latent race-consciousness of the coloured peoples has come to birth. Japan's victory over Russia in 1904, and the moral collapse of western civilisation in the Great War, 1914-1918, have demonstrated to them that the white man is no longer invincible nor his civilisation perfection. Hence the younger races of the world have now challenged the authority of the "white man" to rule their destinies, and claim for themselves the right

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of "self-determination" and "self-expression" alongside the nations of Europe. So the "white man" no longer holds undisputed sway over the coloured peoples of the world, and the question arises, "Is the old authority of the white man really passing away?"

In reply, the Rev. E. R. Milton suggested that we might acquire a more comprehensive picture of the situation if we began our survey not with the Renaissance of the 15th century but some forty centuries ago, about the year 2000 B.C. At a time when the civilisations of China, Babylonia, Egypt and the Ægean were already old, a unique combination of external circumstances was stimulating the Aryan tribes of North-west Europe into activity. Whilst their westward expansion was introducing the Bronze and Iron Ages into the British Isles, other tribes of the same Nordic stock were pressing south and south-east into Gaul, Spain and Italy; through the Balkan peninsula into Asia Minor, and threatening the rich civilisation of Mesopotamia. By 1000 B.C. these peoples had not only over-run the old civilisation of the Ægean and established their influence throughout the Mediterranean basin, but had also conquered the old kingdom of Mitani to the west of the Euphrates and possessed themselves of the fertile plains of the Punjab in India. The history of the next 500 years or so is the story of the growth of this "white man's" authority, of which we have an excellent illustration in the case of Cyrus the Persian who, after conquering Media in 559 B.C., turned his arms against Croesus and overthrew the Lydian Empire in 546 and captured Babylon in 538, thus making himself master of the whole region between the Black and Caspian Seas on the north and the Persian Gulf to the south—an empire which was considerably enlarged under his successors.

During the centuries which followed the struggle between the Aryan and other forms of civilisation continued in the East and were initiated wherever else the "white man" penetrated. In fact the conflict has lasted down to our own day, and the present race antagonism which threatens the peace of the world is but a new and modern phase of it. Incredible as it may appear, the primary cause of this colossal upheaval was a change in the environmental conditions of the "white man's" life in the north-west quadrant of the world, which was his home. And this primary cause is unique in the history of the world, inasmuch as in no other corner of the globe has there been a similar one to

give a corresponding stimulus to the peoples within its area.

Continuing, Mr. Milton thought that to begin our survey with the imprisonment of the "white man" within the confines of Western and Central Europe, at the time of the Renaissance, was calculated to produce the false impression that this state of affairs had existed long since. In reality this was not so. True, the Arctic regions to the north, the Atlantic on the west, and the Russo-Asian steppes to the east presented more or less impassable barriers. But to the south-east, European man still had free access to the lands beyond. The power of the Saracenic Moors had been broken by Charles Martel, at Tours, as early as 732 A.D., and it was not until the end of the 13th century that the Osmanli Turks began to establish themselves in south-eastern Europe. In 1373 they occupied Macedonia, and Constantinople fell in 1453. Thus when Columbus in 1492 and Vasco da Gama in 1498 broke the so-called "siege" of the "white man," it was a siege which had endured little more than a century and a half—a comparatively insignificant period in the range of his history.

Finally, Mr. Milton called attention to the fact that the spirit of "nationalism" (used in its widest sense) and "self-determination," now manifesting itself among the younger races of the world, is altogether in accord with the rest of modern history. It is a spirit which appears always to be born of great events. In England it was a gradual development which came to a head in the 16th century, following the Renaissance. In the United States it followed the Seven Years' War between England and France (1753-1760); in Germany—under Frederick the Great—the Thirty Years' War; in Holland and Belgium it followed the Napoleonic Wars; in Italy, the Crimean War and the disintegration of Austria; in Serbia, Poland and the Balkans it followed immediately on the Great War and the break-up of Turkey. It is a spirit which may not be checked but certainly needs guidance. In this connection a great opportunity is afforded to the "white man," and to the Englishman particularly, inasmuch as he has peculiar qualifications for the task, due to the facts that he was the first to attain "national consciousness" in the modern world, and has had four centuries of unique experience in which to develop it.

Speaking for India, Miss Jakeman said that the

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authority of the "white man" had certainly not yet come to an end in that land. Under a wise administration the Indian was being encouraged to assume an increasingly greater measure of responsibility in the conduct of internal and external affairs, but the time was obviously not yet ripe for the withdrawal of the "white man." This is the ideal for which we are working, but which the conflict between Mahomeddanism and Hinduism is thwarting. So far as Miss Jakeman could see, the solution of this trouble lay in the general acceptance of Christianity, so that before the "white man" there was still the great vocation of evangelising India, for which task at the moment the number of missionaries is all too small.

At 9.30 p.m. the meeting closed with prayer.

HAMPTON HILL NURSING ASSOCIATION.—A very successful bridge drive, in aid of the funds of the Nursing Association, was held at Elmhurst (by kind permission of Dr. Llewellyn) on Wednesday, January 26th. Over sixty tickets were sold, and a very cheery evening was spent. Dr. Llewellyn, who was fortunate enough to win the first men's prize, a beautiful cigarette box, generously handed it back to be raffled for the funds. As friends of the Association had given the prizes and refreshments, the splendid sum of £16 12s. 10d. was handed to the Hon. Treasurer.

HAMPTON HILL CHURCH OF ENGLAND DAY SCHOOLS.—A meeting of the congregation and parishioners will be held in the Boys' School on Monday, March 14th, at 8.15 p.m., when the School Managers will present their adopted scheme with regard to the future of the school under their control.

JUMBLE SALE.—As Easter falls rather late in April, it is proposed to hold the annual Jumble Sale on a Saturday at the end of March or the beginning of April. Further announcements will be made by bills and posters.

CHURCH AND PAROCHIAL ACCOUNTS.—The accounts of the Church and Parish for the past year appear on another page.

BROWNIES.—The junior section of the Girl Guide movement, commonly called "The Brownies," meets in the Church Room on THURSDAYS, at five o'clock. Miss Harvey will welcome new members, girls between the ages of seven years and eleven years.

ELECTORAL ROLL.—Some few people whose

names were originally on the list of the St. James's Electoral Roll have moved out of the Parish. The Parochial Officer, Mr. Basey, 11, Seymour Road, will be glad if friends of these people will furnish him with their new addresses so that he may commend them to the Parochial Church Officer in their new Parish.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.—The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, March 7th, in the Church Room, at 8.15 p.m.

CONFIRMATION.—The first Class for all candidates for the Confirmation in June will be held in Church on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 8 p.m.

DONATIONS have been gratefully received from the following:—Miss Griffiths: Day Schools £1, Colonial and Continental Church Society £1, Provident Fund £1, Sunday Schools Treats £1, Choir Fund £1, C.L.B. £1, Band of Hope £1, Sunday Schools £1, Assistant Clergy £2. Mr. L. Rivers, for Parish Hall Building Fund, £2 12s. od., proceeds of whist drive.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The next Missionary Meeting will be held in the Church Room, on Friday, March 11th, at 8 p.m. The Rev. C. B. Howe will give a lecture on "Islam," which will be illustrated by lantern slides.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- February 6th—Kathleen Mary Isabel Cowee.
 " 13th—Dorothy Olive Trotter.
 " 13th—Kathleen Gwyn Bragg.
 " 13th—John Keith Andrew Ives.
 " 13th—John Edward Dempster.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

- February 12th—William John Doswold Robinson and Adele Hudgell.
 " 19th—Harold Thomas White and Edith Scorer Thorp.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- January 25th—Helen Mary Styles, aged 90 years.
 " 28th—Annie Flitton, aged 61 years.
 " 31st—Eliza Smith, aged 60 years.
 February 4th—Ada Tomkins, aged 53 years.
 " 4th—Robert Christie, aged 18 hours.
 " 10th—Sophia Highmore, aged 81 years.
 " 18th—George Allen, aged 71 years.
 " 23rd—Thomas George Cheeseman, aged 71 years.