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## PRAYERS FOR PEACE.

At the Parish Church on Sunday morning thoughts of the crisis dominated the service. There was a prolonged pause after the passage "Give peace in our time, O Lord, and special prayers for peace, with hymn No 235, "O God of love, O king of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease" The Vicar (Rev. John Bond, M.A.) preached on the transfiguration of Christ, and after alluding to the dedication of the renovated Shelley Chapel by the Bishop of Lewes on the following Thursday concluded the sermon as follows :- This seems especially a time when we need for ourselves a haunt of peace and a vision of God. Trouble is threatening, pay it is already upon us. Europe is arming for a war without parallel in the history of the last hundred years, and it is our duty to pray earnestly to God that even yet the cloud may be dispersed, and to pray also, publicly and in secret, for those many homes which will be overshadowed by grief and a sguish in the near future None of us who nave not been there can realise the horrors of war. There is a discreet conspiracy of silence among those who have been in the fighting line, and we can feel for others, we can realise the horror that overspread Egypt in the old days, when there was not a house where there was not one dead. Let us go on praying then until we are able to see a glorified Christ by the eye of faith, to feel once more that "God is in His Heaven, and all's right with the world."-At the evening service the preacher was the Rev. G. H. Milner (Curate in charge of St. Mark's). Again there was a prolonged pause for silent prayer after the response, "Give peace in our time, () Lord."