

We now come to another statement in Mr. Heustis' paper that cannot be accepted. He says that white men have not been able to live permanently in sunny lands, and refers us to Persia, Egypt, Greece and Rome as affording examples of this inability of white men to live in sunny lands. But it is in these very countries in which there is abundant sunshine that white men have lived, built up great empires and led active, energetic, masterful lives for thousands of years. The countries around the Mediterranean are inhabited by white races who are active, enterprising and intelligent, and their ancestors elaborated complex civilisations at a time when the Northern countries of Europe were plunged in the darkness of barbarism. It is in these sunny lands that the white Aryans and Semites have made the longest history, and have given the most convincing proofs of their permanence. The Italian is just as white a man as the Englishman, the Frenchman or the German, and both in colour and general appearance often closely resembles the British. In the streets of the best cities Italians of the middle class are to be seen who look as if they had just come out of an English office. Fair Italians are by no means rare, and the swarthy Italian of the novels who is often enough seen in real life in the country, is made so by sunburn just as an Englishman would be under similar conditions.

The British people have not been unsuccessful colonizers of sunny lands, and the inhabitants of Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, while they have become modified by their climates, show no sign of deterioration or of becoming extinct, and are children of whom Great Britain is justly proud. Wherever the climate has favoured the development of man's energy there the white colonist has gone, and has probably thriven best exactly in those countries in which the sun shines with greatest constancy.

When we consider the semi tropical and tropical countries of the world and among them we include India we find climatic conditions present which do not favour the maintenance of a high physical or mental standard,