

To preach what Jesus preached is not Christianity unless the thing preached is preached in its essential relation to Him. One of the most important points in the preaching of Jesus was "The Kingdom of God." What is meant by preaching Christ here? We have to remember that the Kingdom of God as preached by Christ owes allegiance to Him as King. It is to that that it owes its character.

Paramount and Exalted.

It is a realm in which Christ reigns, paramount and exalted, and only those who pay Him absolute fealty and devotion can possibly enter it. Thus the Kingdom of God on earth is the kingdom whose citizens look to Christ, first and last, as their leader and inspiration and are ready to submit all their lives for His Divine inspection and approval.

(5) How did Jesus think of Himself so as to be able to impress that upon His followers and Apostles?

(a) As **Messiah**: That is what He declared Himself to be. He is fulfilling all pious hopes and longings. He is inaugurating the Kingdom of God, over which He reigns and of which He is Lord and only King.

(b) As **Judge**: Now, His very presence judged men. Some there were who gathered round Him. They have passed from death into life. Some there were who rejected His call. "If I had not come they had not had sin: Now they have hated both Me and My Father."

(c) **Son of God**: "All things have been delivered unto Me," etc. (St. Matt. xi.—27).

Here Jesus claims in the most exact terms to have had the whole task of revealing God to man—the whole task of saving men committed to Him.

There is no such thing as preaching Christ, unless we preach this. He is the Mediator for all men of the knowledge of God the Father—it is of that knowledge of God on which eternal life depends.

You can easily see that on the preaching of Christ vastly more can be said. I only have touched on the very fringe of it. But I hope I have said enough to show how very important our office and our duty of preaching is. We clergy have to do it and the laity have to see that we that we do. And it is our task to preach Christ. That is what the world has always needed and it needs it now.

I only hope that my few words have enkindled or awakened your

enthusiasm for this greatest of tasks—to preach Christ, to preach Him who is the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, the Jesus of the New Testament, as the Son of God, powerful and mighty to save, the only Lord, the King of King, the true and only Potentate to whom be the glory, honour and blessing for ever and ever. Amen.

Christian Personality.

Personality is a much over talked of word these days. Nearly every paper and magazine we pick up will tell you how this marvellous requisite for success in life can be our for amounts varying from half-a-crown to ten guineas. Some advertisements promise that you can acquire this miraculous aid by the diverse process of wearing something, brushing something on your teeth, sprinkling something else on your hair, taking pills or courses of postal tuition.

The dictionary tells us personality is "that which constitutes individuality." In other words, it is simply the variation in character or temperament which distinguishes one person from another. In short, we cannot buy personality because it is already in our make-up, whether it reveals itself or not. Christian personality is our heritage from God, which is strengthened by the in-pouring of the Holy Ghost at Baptism and Confirmation.

In the process of time, through devout prayer and meditation on God's Word, our Christian personalities should assert themselves. Let us by devotion to God's Holy Word, Commandments and Sacraments develop personalities which will give us courage to speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice and, if necessary, strength to suffer for the Truth's sake. Let us ever be kind in our judgments and sympathetic towards those who seek our help in the time of trouble. In other words, through our Christian Personalities may others be the better for having met us. These thoughts we commend to your serious contemplation and prayers.—Rev. F. Hart, Vicar of Whangamomona, in the Waikato Diocesan Magazine.

70 YEARS A VICAR.

The Rev. J. H. Bramby was vicar of the Church of Holy Trinity, Hull, from 1797 to 1867, a span of 70 years. He joined the church as a young man of 26 and stayed there until he died in harness at the age of 96 years.

THE CHURCH ARMY IN NEW ZEALAND.

Training College.

A decision to widen the scope of the Church Army Training College to include lay men and women who desire to take up an official position in the Church of England was reached at last month's meeting of the Church Army executive committee. Captain Banyard explained that recently he had received many inquiries and suggestions that the Church Army should undertake such work, particularly in view of the closing of the St. Faith's House of Sacred Learning in Christchurch. The following is the basic plan, not yet finalised until more information of likely requirements is received:—

The provide facilities for the study of the preliminary and grades, with lectures and individual coaching.

To provide courses, giving experience where desired or necessary, in youth work, Sunday school, general parochial work.

Missionary students could be given experience at a Maori mission house in North Auckland. Nursing and first aid courses can be arranged.

Students would live at the training college, joining in the devotional life as part of their training.

It is proposed to transfer Sister M. A. Cranswick, C.A., B.A. (N.Z. University) and Diploma of Theology (London), to the Training College as lecturer and director of studies. Sister Cranswick is a New Zealand-trained sister, who went to England for special study and experience. The new work will not commence until next year, possibly May or June, although it would be possible to accommodate some women students earlier at the Maori mission house.

Costs and charges will be fixed at a later date.

Evangelism.

Captain C. Wright, C.A., who was taken prisoner of war whilst doing C.A. work on Crete, is at present in England awaiting return to New Zealand. He is now attached to the Evangelistic Department of the English Church Army for two or three months' experience and special training in evangelistic work, in particular that of news teams, a form of evangelistic effort carried out by lay men and women, taking the Gospel to the people in their homes, the factory, as well as the parish church.