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Change in Ethics: Vindication of the

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SERMON BY THE REV. A. C. HEADLAM,

In the Chapel of King's College, London.

Preaching on "The Meaning of Life," in the chapel of King's College, London, Dr. Headlam, of Whorlton Hall, said our whole scheme of things put before us what we may describe as an industrial morality as representing the highest type of human excellence. We asked men to be orderly and regular in their lives, to be industrious, steady, careful, sober in their conduct. We were always trying to shut up the spirit within the limits of a somewhat confined moral scheme. We desired system rather than inspiration. We were always asking whether any particular conduct would produce wealth. We asked what its value was. But now suddenly our ideal is again changed, and we find a whole series of virtues of which we had thought but little, suddenly come before us we presenting the highest type of numenity—contage, strongth, self-reliance, the power of self-merifice, the inspiration of comradaship, the gifts of leadership—all these is quite a different way from before, we are asking for. We find that the man who found is very difficult indeed to conform to our narrow academic life, who seemed always demanding something which we could not give him, has sprung forward as a hero, and made our old judgments seem very poor and iesignificant. We are beginning, perhaps, to know why, in spite of all that he did, David was the man after God's own heart, and to realise that there is in the capacity for service a power and a charm which the ordinary routine of commercialised life cannot present to us. But, perhaps, is is in our interpretation and presentment of Christianity that we may learn more. To how many people has the cross of Christ been, as it was to the Corinthian's of old, a stumbling-block? We have contrasted—you have constantly heard the contrast mado-the religion of selfsacrifice with the religion of sulf-development. Have we not again and again been told that we have to eliminate this heathen, this ascetic idea of sacrifice from life? People have talked of the Hellenic ideal-cortainly a very vain paredy of the old Hellenism. They would have us substitute for this religion of self-sacrifice a religion of intellectual culture, a religion of personal development. They would ignore the existence of sin. In fact, sin, they would tell us, merely arose from ignorance. They would banish from our education everything that strained the mind. Life, whether for the young or old, was to be free from everything that was disagreeable. Strict discipline we were thinking of less and less. And now suddenly we find that if we are not prepared to submit to a strict discipline, if we are not prepared as a nation to sacrifice all, we may lose all. We have the alternative before us of being ready to give up everything, even our life, or most g averything that makes life worth living. Surely in the most complete, in the most fundamental way, the lesson of the Cross is being vindicated. For in all alike, simple and clever, rich and poor, noble and peasant, who are prepared cheerfully to taste danger and readily to give up their lives, who show the courage, the devotion of the true comrade, and the unassuming heroism of the patriot, there has been exhibited real spiritual strength which is a possession of the human race. And not only among ourselves, but among all those, in whatever army, to whatever side they belong, who are coursgeously ready to die for their country.

Charter of Incorporation for the Cirl Cuides.

The Girl Guides' movement has received official recognition from Government in the form of a Charter of Incorporation, constituting it the Girl Guides' Association. It no longer requires the initials B.P. to distinguish it from others, since it is now the one and only Girl Guide corps. This step must bring gratification to those who have worked so loyally and so strenuously for its development. They cannot but feel that the movement has wen its recognition entirely on its own merits, and in the teeth of difficulties, disappointments, and even opposition. The immediate effect of the charter will be the formation of an advisory council, with representatives from different parts of the country and empire.

Kirkleatham Hall Red Cross Hospital.

To the Editor of the " Toesdale Mercury." Six,-Will you kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper to join Nurse Emerson in thanking the friends vaniants paper to join Suite Interson in character sections who so generously gave the counterpanes, pillow-cases, and towels that were needed at Kirkeatham Hall. I know at the present time there is an increasing number of calls of this description mode, and for this reason it is extremely gratifying to be able to despatch the articles so quickly,—I remain, yours truly, D. M. P.Litch.

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DEAR Miss Prinser,—May I thank you and all the kind friends very much indeed for the useful parcel of county-panes, pillow-cases, and towols. We use a large quantity of bedding of every kind, and they were all extremely useful. The sum allowed per head by the War Office is only sufficient to feed the men, and decisings and druga are very expensive, so we find it necessary to get assistance for the extra comforts that are needed.—Again thanking all the friends who have so kindly assisted me with their pitc. I remain, yours truly, KATE A. EMERSON, Matron, Kirkleatham Hall Red Cross Hospital.

The following articles have been received —Mrs Boardman, Westwick Lodge, I counterpane and I towel; Mrs J. G. Burn, Bede-terrace, I counterpane; Mrs Berry, Market-place, I counterpane: Ars Beccroft, M.; Mrs Coulthard, Abbey Bridge, Mr. M. Eglinton, Bese-berrace, I counterpane; Misses Harris, Horse-market, 2 pillows; Mrs Hare, Lartington, 2 counterpanes; Mrs Lowes, Kilmond Wood, I counterpane; Mr Liddle, Horse-market, 2s. 6d.; Mr H. Ord, Horse-market, 1 counterpane; Mrs Stainsby, Newgate, I counterpane; Mrs Stainsby, Newgate, I counterpane and I towel; Mrs Swinsbank, Horse-market, 2 counterpane and 1 towel; Mrs Swinsbank, Horse-market, 2 counterpane and 1 towel; Mrs Swinsbank, Horse-market, 2 counterpane and 4 pillow-case; Mrs White, Galzate, I counterpane, I towel, and I pillow-case; and Mrs Watson, Wood-street, I counterpane.

Barnard Castle Rural District Council.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednes-day, under the presidency of Mr R. Armstrong, J.P.—The Cierk (Mr T. W. Bainbridge) said he had written to the Vicar of Forest (the Rev. A. T. Randle) with reference to the public having a right of way to the proposed new bridge over the Tees at Canidron Snout, and asked for a guarantee that there would be no obstacle placed in the way of public usage. The Vicar replied that he had every reason to believe that no difficulty would arise, but suggested that the Conneil should approach Lord Barnard's agent and the owner of the land on the Westmorland side and obtain from them the required guarantees.—Mr F. E. Gibson said the position of the bridge at Cauldron Snout, which had been in existence for 60 years, established the right of a footpath to the bridge and over it to the famous High Cap Nick and Appleby.

After further discussion the Council decided to confirm the minute of the provious meeting. -The Surveyor (Mr L. Simpson) reported that the since-breakers had asked for 6d. a ton extra for breaking whinstone, and that in order to obtain the necessary amount of road material he had compromised with them and got them to accept an extra 2d. per ton.—The Council endorsed the Surveyor's action.—It was agreed to metal and roll the Risugular piece of land at the road junction at Folly Top, near Woodland, for the benefit of motor vehicles, who found it difficult to turn there.— The Surveyor said he estimated the cost at 215.

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