

There are some in the parish who should make the effort and attend the opening service of Synod on Friday, September 14th, at 10.30. Solemn celebration of Holy Communion, the sermon by Rev. A. Hodge.

Perhaps some, by combining together, could attend the Sunday-in-Synod service at the Cathedral, September 10th, at which the clergy and lay representatives of all the parishes of the Diocese are desired by the Bishop to be present; the Archdeacon of Waipapu, Herbert W. Williams, is to be the preacher.

These will be memorable services for sure, and the run in of 7 miles will be worth while.

The Bishop will preach at the 7 o'clock evensong in the Cathedral.

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Synod.

SEPTEMBER 14th.

Synod will meet on Friday, September 14th. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.15 a.m., Mattins will be said at 9.30. The Holy Eucharist will be sung at 10.30 a.m. and the Rev. Alfred Hodge will preach.

The opening of Synod will take place at 2.30 p.m. Evensong will be said at 7.45. There will be celebration in the Cathedral every day of the session at 7.15 a.m. Mattins will be said at 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 7.45 p.m., except on Saturday.

The services on Synod Sunday will be:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10 a.m.—Mattins.

11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist. (Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Williams).

7 p.m.—Evensong. (Preacher: The Bishop).

Conferences will be held at 10 a.m.

on Monday (the clergy); and at 10 a.m. on Tuesday (lay members of Synod).

The Bishop.

The Bishop, who has been suffering from influenza, has been ordered by his medical adviser to take a complete rest, and would be grateful if correspondence only of an urgent character is sent to him.

The Healing Mission.

The Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst asked a friend to write to England to get some information about Mr Hickson. The following is the reply received, the names being given by initials only:—

By the way, you ask what I know of Hickson.

The following is my experience. Ten or twelve years ago, when P— had blood poisoning, boils, fissure and congestion of the lungs and influenza all together she nearly died. Her temperature was going up to 104deg. and 105deg. each night, and the doctors told me that if a change did not come in a day or two it was all up.

Two specialists were called in and treated her.

Then she said she would like to see Hickson; Dr. S. J. was quite willing. So he came down to K— and treated her. It was all most simple. I was in the room all the time. He prayed, and laying his hands on her, he asked our Lord to put forth His healing powers. After a few minutes she had a most peaceful feeling; then there seemed to come from his hands a strong heat, as if power were flowing from him to her. He stayed about an hour (including tea with me). Within a week one of her nurses was dismissed and P— was able to go away for a change. The improvement began at once—and she never went back. You will understand she did not give up her medical men, nor did Hickson suggest it.

Again, some years later (1916), when we were at T— she again had a fissure, and was in great agony. Dr. C. tried everything, and at last said that there was absolutely no cure but an operation from which she naturally shrank.

She wrote to Hickson, and asked for special prayers at his weekly intercession meeting. He wrote back, sending a handkerchief, which he asked her to place on the painful spot, at the time when the intercession service was being held. He said he was very busy, but if this didn't

act, he'd come down from London and personally treat her (without any charge, he never will take a fee from her—though of course he does take fees, he has to live). However, no personal treatment was necessary. From the time when the prayers were offered the place began to heal, no operation was necessary, and she had perfect immunity for six years more.

These are the "facts"; I don't attempt to explain them. But to me it seems that our Blessed Lord, P—'s faith, and through Hickson's as the instrument, healed her. Hickson makes no claim to heal himself; it is the Lord acting through him. I was at a great meeting at the Church House last year, when Hickson spoke, on his return from his Mission in India. It was most interesting and most extraordinary. Hickson looks like a prosperous stockbroker, no fuss or goody-goody ways of speech, all perfectly simple. That is all I can tell you.

TESTIMONY TO THE MISSIONS.

The physical results of Mr Hickson's missions have been quite beyond human expectations, but even more glorious and wonderful was the spiritual awakening which made it possible for God to raise the sufferers. The following extract from a letter from Dr. Manning, Bishop of New York, in summing up the Mission, touches upon this point:—

"Dear Mr Hickson,—As I look back over it all, my wonder and thankfulness for the results of your Mission here grow deeper and deeper. Such a response as you have found and such results as have followed, would not have seemed possible to any of us. It is plain that, although we did not know it, the time was ripe for this message... The help which your Mission has brought to the sick and suffering has indeed been great, but it is the testimony of all that the spiritual results have been greater... The outstanding fact in this work is the way in which it has brought men and women of every sort—many of them those whom we should have thought least open to such influence—to their knees in simple, unquestioning faith in Christ... Your visit has made many of us see what the Revival of the Ministry of Healing, if rightly guided, will mean to the life of the Church, and to the work of our Lord among men."

The "Metropolitan of India" writes as follows:—

"Dear Mr Hickson,—You are leaving us... after conducting in our midst a mission which I pray may have an abiding influence. We have shared in that experience, which