

to Christ. There is no need whatever to remind the Church that she has 'nothing to fear from being candid.' The Anglican Communion certainly is not afraid, nor has she any intention of being anything but frank. We have no theory to bolster up, no axe to grind. We all, those of us at least who are men of faith and goodwill, are collating spiritual data. The writer phrases it exactly when he says that this is 'possibly a message of considerable importance to humanity.' All I would lay down, however, here is that we cannot consent to separate the physical from the spiritual. This is either part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or it is something that we cannot handle as a Church.

#### THE MISSION'S RELATION TO PUBLIC AND DOCTORS.

"And that is why there is another side to the demand of publicity. The Church (again I mean the whole Church) does not really owe anything to the public as a matter of obligation. If it were entering into competition with the doctors, it would owe them an explanation. If it were making money out of a propaganda, it would owe a plain statement to the public. But as it cordially co-operates, where permitted, with the doctor, whether by intercession or by supplementary treatment, and as it asks nothing of any one, but only seeks to give, it is perfectly free to continue tranquilly what it has begun. Christ always refused to do mighty works as a sign to the curious. He frequently commanded those whom He treated to hold their tongues. But it is a matter of privilege where men and women have received

benefit to bear quiet and joyful witness to what Christ has done. I myself have heard from three people in the last forty-eight hours the story of their own healing and their own spiritual renewal as well. They cannot wait for six months to rejoice over what is a patent fact. But we are making no "claims." We are just thanking God. We can treat. He alone can Heal. Does any hospital issue percentages of complete cures? Do the 'Melbourne' and the 'Alfred' issue competitive figures? The thought is ridiculous. No one can do more than pray and trust. But marvellous cures are well attested. The late Bishop Mylne, of Bombay, told me in my own vicarage at Kenilworth nearly twenty years ago how his own son, an Oxford running 'blue,' had been healed of tetanus (a quite unmistakable complaint, by the way) after the doctor in attendance had given him up, and after Mr Hickson had laid his hands upon him. It was a revelation to the Bishop, who told me with reverent gratitude.

#### THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY.

"But this brings me to the right of every man and woman to privacy if they desire it. It is difficult for those whose life is spent in making things public to realise how the average person shrinks from being made a victim to publicity. Public men have to get used to it. But many sufferers implored us with tears to shield them from the importunity of the photographer and the cross-questioning of the interrogators last week. No doctor would dream either of submitting his own work to such intrusions on

privacy, or exjosing his own patients against their will to the chatter of the curious. This, therefore, must be set over against the perfectly candid attitude of all of us who desire to help to the uttermost any who are sick, by bearing witness to other cures, or amendments. Where the witness is freely given to doctor or reporter, naturally enough we shall rejoice; but I must say quite plainly that if the patient is satisfied it is no one else's business to cavil.

#### THE CAUSE OF FAILURE.

"Where faith exists, and goodwill, and willingness to accept evidence bravely, there will still be failures to admit. Sometimes it may be in the patient. We read in the New Testament, 'He perceived they had faith to be healed.' Sometimes the difficulty is in the minister of healing. Christ told Apostles that some evils went not out but by prayer and fasting. Sometimes the difficulty is in public opinion. There were cities where He 'could not do many mighty works because of their unbelief.' In this the disciple is not above the Master. In some cases a cure may lapse through disobedience or failure to maintain the profession. 'Sin no more lest a worse thing happen to thee' was said to a patient who had been cured.

#### EVIDENCE IN MELBOURNE.

"Still in our Cathedral of St. Paul to-day a mere handful of witnesses were given from sheaves which we have received. It is easy to see how any one who has not been there may misunderstand. It is difficult to understand how any one present, for in-

### The Diocesan Intercession Paper.

Let us pray for—

The Church throughout the world.  
The Church in New Zealand.  
The Bishops and Clergy.  
The Board of Missions.  
The Church in this Diocese.  
The Bishop and Clergy.  
The Lay Readers in the Diocese.  
The Synod of the Diocese.  
The Women Workers.  
The Dean and Chapter.  
The Standing Committee and all Boards of Trustees.  
The Board of Nomination.

#### The Schools Established in this Diocese.

Te Aute College.  
Hukarere School.  
Waerenga-a-hika School.  
St. Winifred's School.  
Heretaunga School.

#### The Mission Houses.

Whakarewarewa (Miss Seth Smith

and helpers).

Ruatoki (Miss Hare).  
Tokomaru (Miss Davis).  
Manutuke (Miss Newman).  
Té Hauke (Miss Aplin).  
Porangahau (Miss Bulstrode).

#### The Diocesan Institutions.

St. Mary's Home, Napier (Nurse Carter and helpers).  
St. Hilda's Home, Otane (Miss Waller and helpers).

#### Organisations Established in the Diocese.

The Church of England's Men's Society.  
The Girls' Friendly Society.  
The Mothers' Union.  
The N.Z. Anglican Bible Class Union.

#### The Officials of the Diocese.

The Archdeacons.  
The Organising Secretary.  
The Diocesan Secretary.

#### SPECIAL PAROCHIAL INTER-CESSIONS FOR OCTOBER.

Opetiki.  
Tclaga Bay.  
Wairoa (Maori).  
Te Puke (Maori).

#### SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS.

That the Holy Spirit may guide those responsible for preparing plans for the new St. Mary's Home.

That the ways and means for the rebuilding of the Home may be provided.

That those who are preparing for the Christian Healing Mission in the Ormondville district may be enabled to come in true penitence and faith.

That guidance may be given to the Pension Board, especially in the matter of providing pensions for women workers.

That the Bishop may be restored to health and strength.

That God will bless the work of Heretaunga School.

That the new headmaster (Rev. J. G. T. Castle) may have strength and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for his work.