

JAS A. HICKSON, "HEALER" TO HOLD SERVICES HERE

Week's Program Is Arranged at St. Peter's Church.

James Moore Hickson, whose doctrine of Healing through the laying on of hands has aroused wide interest, is in Chicago. He will hold services everyday for a week in Saint Peter's Episcopal Church at Broadway and Belmont Avenue, beginning today,

Mr. Hickson's success as a "Healer" has been hailed in England. He has attracted attention in the cities of the United States he has visited so far. At the recent convention of Episcopalian clergy at Detroit, he addressed several sessions of the convention and was instrumental in having that body put itself on record as favoring the revival of healing by the laying on of hands.

Is Nonsectarian

Mr. Hickson says his method is that followed by Christ. He uses no ceremony of anointment; nor does he observe creed or sect. "Only two things are necessary," said Mr. Hickson last night. "The suffering man or woman must have faith in God and have love and pity in his heart. Then by laying on of hands and prayer his health shall be restored. Healing is one of the offices of the church. Our Lord intended that it should be when he gave us his commandment: 'Preach the gospel and heal the sick.' One work is as important as the other. Until the last century healing was a normal part of church work. Then it was lost sight of until now, healing has become phenomenal.

Not Linked to Clergy

I do not believe that the gift is bestowed upon the clergy, altogether. Anyone may have it. If the church teaches this and guides thought in the right direction the gift will be developed and will become more universal.

"I am not entitled to any credit for the success I have had," continued Mr. Hickson. "It is through Christ that I am able to accomplish anything at all. I have seen others who have the sympathy and faith, which constitute what the Bible calls 'the gift of healing', undertake the same work with as favorable results. All of my services will be Public and will be held from 10 in the morning until shortly after 12. The afternoons I intend giving over to the bedridden."

Disclaims Clerical Title

Mr. Hickson, who disclaims any clerical title, came to America last April for the first time, although he has been a healer since his eleventh year. On

his return to England, in July he was urged to return to America by several prominent clergymen, among them Dr. W. T. Manning of New York.

He comes to Chicago from the Episcopalian convention in Detroit. Following his services here he will go to Milwaukee. His mission in the United States will last nine months. After its completion he will make a tour of the world.

Dr. Cecil A. Purton, assistant rector of Christ Episcopal church in Detroit, accompanies Mr. Hickson.

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