

HICKSON SEEKS TO MAKE CHURCH SEAT OF HEALING

Explains His Work And Hope For Future By THE REV F. L GRATIOT

“And He called unto Him his twelve disciples. He gave unto them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.” – Matthew 10:1

Why has that power been lost in the church? Will the healing ministry of James Moore Hickson, layman, communicant of the Church of England, bring about a revival of that lost power? He hopes and believes that it will. That is why he is in this country.

HICKSON’S PURPOSE

“Why carry on my work.” Says Mr. Hickson “unless it can be made a regular and lasting thing in the church?” The church has the promise from the Master. There are many who have latent the power of spiritual healing. It is my hope that the clergy will make it a regular part of their ministry to the sick. It is nothing new. It is nothing unique. God’s minister can, and should, bring to those that are afflicted the healing grace of God, as given us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

I asked Mr. Hickson, after the morning session at St. Peter’s church, a few questions that are being asked by many people. “Is the healing the result of the faith of the patient altogether, or is it the result of the power conferred by the laying on of hands?”

“Both” said Mr. Hickson. “Our Lord’s power to heal depended upon the faith of the person healed, and yet in Him was all power. I have been able to help infants when they were asleep. I cannot even say that healing depends on the belief in our Lord, as we believe in Him – that He is God incarnate. Several Jews who have come to me have been healed. I welcome them all.

DIFFERS FROM BIBLE CASES

“How is it in the New Testament healing is instantaneous and in your case healing is gradual?”

“Imperfect faith accounts for the degree and speed of healing. Even in the New Testament there are instances of slow recovery of sight, as the case of the man who could at first see dimly and later received his full sight. I could offer forty or fifty cases of instantaneous recovery. Daily I receive letters of cures that have come gradually.”

One of those cases, yesterday, was a boy who had been struck with infantile paralysis and whose legs hung useless. After he had received the laying on of hands he clutched one of Mr. Hickson’s hands and said “Can’t you come and help all my classmates?”

ALL CLASSES AND ALL COLORS

All classes, all colors, knelt together waiting their turn. A kindly colored woman, whose ardent faith shown through her tears, was kneeling next to a richly clad aristocratic woman.

Moral, as well as physical ills, came in for treatment in the afternoon. A sneak thief was caught making off with \$40 from the parish office. The policemen who were called assented to

let the man be taken to Mr. Hickson. Weeping he confessed. He said that he could not help stealing. Mr. Hickson asked the Divine Healer to restore the moral sense and give him the ability to resist temptation.

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