Trinity Church was crowded yesterday afternoon with persons who wanted to hear James Moore Hickson, a layman healer of the Church of England. Benches and chairs were brought in and yet about four hundred persons stood. Not since the Archbishop of York was here three years ago had there been so many persons in the church. Hickson attempted no healing. It was simply a religious service. But a majority of those present suffered some affliction. Broadway and the side streets were lined with automobiles that had brought the lame and the blind and the mute. Crutches were noticeable in many pews, and one young man fainted.

Policemen were on duty inside and outside the church. They were in charge of Sergeant John W. Burberg, of the First Precinct. Mr. Hickson will begin a two days' mission at St. Luke's Church, Clinton Avenue, between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, tomorrow morning. Thursday and Friday he will be at St. Ann's Church, Clinton and Livingston Streets, Brooklyn. He will return to England shortly to begin a tour of the world conducting healing missions. The first will be in Belgium. Then he will go to the battlefields of France, thence to India, China, Japan, Russia, Egypt and the Holy Land. He asked all present to pray for his work. The Rev. Dr. William T. Dunning, rector of Trinity, introduced Hickson. He unqualifiedly endorsed the mission and said the work must be continued.

Mr. Hickson gave credit for the welcome he has received in Episcopal churches throughout the United States to Dr. Manning's endorsement of his work more than a year ago. "I believe that to America has been given this sacred trust of reviving the ministry of healing, Christ gave to His Church this wonderful power. The early church obeyed the commandment. Then healing ceased because faith died." Mr. Hickson thanked the bishops, clergy, laity and doctors for their support.

"Every where I have been received with the greatest kindness and sympathy," he said. "The doctors have met me in a very generous way. I have had great support from the medical profession in America. I thank God that there are so many Christian physicians."

To the newspapers, Mr. Hickson gave the credit for bringing together "people of all communions and all conditions. Above all, I owe thanks to Dr. Manning. His endorsement, his encouragement and his support have made this work what it is."

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