

## **“HEALING” IN THE CHURCH**

JOHN MOORE HICKSON who says the church through the agency of Christ possesses a long-neglected power or healing sickness, has the support "of a number" of dignitaries in the Anglican Church. At present he is "laying on hands" under the patronage of Trinity Church, New York:

He is a sturdily built Englishman. His hair and heavy mustache are black, tinged with gray. In the course of a talk about his work the other day, he said - "The keynote or the work of spiritual healing is the living presence of Christ. He alone is the healer. Those who exercise the gift of healing through prayer and the laying on of hands are but the "channels" through which His power flows. "If a grown person supplicates for healing it is necessary for him to have an open mind in order to form a channel through which the divine healing may flow. You cannot convert a man until he wants to be converted, neither can you heal him without his desire to be healed. With children it is unnecessary some of my greatest successes are with children. Give me an infant, and I prefer it to be asleep, then there is nothing to overcome. "

"Spiritual healing works in the same way as the sacrament. Not two persons out of fifty receive the same thing at the altar. It is not what the imminent Christ can give, but what you are prepared to receive from Him. There were ten lepers who were cleansed; but only one was spiritually healed. Some people have asked, 'If this healing is for all, why do you so often see saints suffering?' What they are doing is making a virtue of their sickness. Consequently all that they ask God is to uphold them in their trouble and not to take it away. We can limit the workings of the Holy Spirit within us. It is not what it, can do, but what we let it do. And we can and do limit the working of the Holy Spirit. Christ has been accepted as the savior of souls, but not as a healer of the body. He is ready to save both."

"In this century, there is a great Spirit of God passing over the world and bringing many things to our remembrance, and men are beginning to think, and one of the things which is exercising the minds of many Christians is this revival of this healing ministry. Cases of organic healing are usually gradual as conversion is gradual. You cannot heal instantaneously any more than a minister can convert his congregation with one sermon."

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