

## **Mrs. Bryan Seeks Faith Cure for Paralysis; Hints Evangelist Will Also Treat Husband**

HAZELHURST, Ga., April 27 - Mrs. William Jennings Bryan has followed a faith-healing evangelist to this little town in the pines of South Georgia seeking a cure from an illness from which she has suffered for a long time. Today and tonight in an invalid's chair she attended services held in a tobacco warehouse by the Rev. Raymond T. Richey.

She was one of a congregation of 3,000. After he had called on those who sought health through faith, he left the pulpit and went down to Mrs. Bryan's chair to encourage her. Mrs. Bryan is unable to leave her chair because of paralysis, but expresses the belief that she will be cured through faith. She has followed the evangelist from Bradentown, Florida to Hazelhurst, because she says she has been made better through faith in the works of God and the teachings of Mr. Richey.

"I believe firmly that if I can get faith enough in the work of God and Jesus Christ I shall be cured of my infirmities," Mrs. Bryan tells newspapermen. "If I am not cured my faith in the power of God to heal will not be lessened. I will simply accept it as evidence that I do not believe strongly enough in His power to be renewed. Both Mr. Bryan, and myself, believe implicitly in the power of God to save through healing brought about by faith. My husband will reach here within the next few days and we shall spend several days under the ministrations of prayer of Mr. Richey, whom I have learned to admire and of whose sincerity and faith I am convinced."

Mr. Richey's followers assert that many cures have been effected through his teachings and preaching, that cripples have thrown away their crutches, and that there have been other manifestations. There is nothing sensational, however, in the Evangelist's preaching. He says he is teaching the straight doctrine of healing by faith.

He has had a remarkable record in the South within the last year or so. Last fall in Atlanta he preached to thousands, and many came from great distances seeking surcease from bodily ills. Some of these professed to have been cured or relieved. This experience is being repeated in Hazelhurst. No man has addressed such crowds on religious topics here as Richey has since he began his services last Friday night. He is to remain several weeks.

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### **On Divine Healing**

Mrs. Bryan, wife of the famous Commoner, who had been an invalid for many years reports that she is able to move one of her arms slightly, a thing that she has not been able to do before accepting faith in Divine Healing as preached to her by Raymond Richey, an evangelist. It is quite well possible that Mrs. Bryan should be completely cured in the future. People have been cured, or thought they were cured, throughout the centuries of history. Believing the Christian Doctrine it is a wonder that no greater marvels have been accomplished, for Christ told his disciples if they had but faith they would be able to do greater things than He did. Over in the grotto at Lourdes there are mountainous piles of crutches from people who have walked away healed. The same applies to the shrine of St. Anne de Beupre in Quebec and Russia just abounds with faith healers. Rasputin cured and healed the afflicted Russian Grand Duchess and Princesses. Still Rasputin was a scoundrel. Historical evidence has stripped him of all divine myths. He was more of a satanic embodiment than anything else.

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