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SPIRITUAL HEALER HERE IN JANUARY

**J. M. HICKSON OF ENGLAND TO
HOLD MISSION AND CLINICS
FOR ONE WEEK.**

James Moore Hickson, English faith healer and layman in the Episcopal Church, will be in Dallas some time the latter part of January in connection with a national tour in the interest of reviving spiritual healing in the Episcopal Church. Announcement of his coming was made last night by Dean Randolph Ray of St. Matthew's parish. He will be here a week, the exact dates to be ascertained later. He also plans to visit Houston and San Antonio.

Dean Ray, while attending the convention of the Episcopal Church recently at Detroit, Mich., received assurance that Mr. Hickson would be here. The convention appointed a committee to investigate the revival of spiritual healing as a part of the work of the church.

Mr. Hickson will hold a mission of healing in the St. Matthew's Cathedral, where afflicted persons may come and pray with him for their restoration to health. He also will conduct clinics at bedsides of persons unable to come to the cathedral. It is said that in some instances one supplication is sufficient to effect a cure, but that in other cases several prayers are necessary.

It is said that he doesn't really heal himself, but that he is simply the medium through which the healing power of Christ is applied to the sick person. Mr. Hickson has requested that a distinction be made between spiritual healing and mental healing. He has nothing to do with the latter—with hypnosis, with psychology or with mental suggestion, he says.

January 8, 1920

FAITH HEALER WILL HOLD CLINICS HERE

JAMES M. HICKSON, EPISCOPAL
CHURCHMAN, TO BE AT CATHE-
DRAL JANUARY 22 AND 23.

James Moore Hickman, Episcopal faith healer of England, will be in Dallas Jan. 22 and 23, the Very Rev. Dean Randolph Ray of St. Matthew's Cathedral announced last night. The intention of Mr. Hickman to visit Dallas this month was announced several weeks ago, but the date of his visit had not been established.

He will hold meetings at the cathedral and clinics at the bedsides of persons who are unable to come to the cathedral. It is said that he has effected wonderful cures in other cities simply through prayer and the laying of hands on the patient.

Mr. Hickman is conducting a tour of this country in an effort to revive spiritual healing in the Episcopal Church. From Dallas he will go to Houston. The details of his visit here and activities while here will be announced later.

January 13, 1920

Much Interest Manifest in Expected Visit of Episcopal Faith Healer

Much interest is being displayed by persons of all religious faiths in the visit here Jan. 22 and 23 of James Moore Hickson of England, Episcopal faith healer. The Very Rev. Randolph Ray, dean of St. Matthew's Cathedral, is daily receiving calls from people desiring to know the details of Mr. Hickson's ministrations here. Many are seeking appointments for themselves or relatives.

Mr. Hickson will come here from Atlanta, Ga., where he will conduct a mission of healing. Arrangements for services here will be completed later, Dean Ray said yesterday. Mr. Hickson will go from Dallas to Galveston.

"Persons of all religious affiliations are welcome to participate in the benefits to be derived from the prayers of Mr. Hickson," Dean Ray said. "Mr. Hickson does not claim to be able to heal people afflicted with disease or deformity, their cure being contingent on their own faith in God; but through devout prayer he has been able to help many cases of serious physical ailment."

Mr. Hickson's visit here will be a part of a national tour in the interest of reviving faith healing in the Episcopal Church. A committee to investigate spiritual healing was appointed at the recent triennial council of the Episcopal Church.

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January 20, 1920

EPISCOPAL FAITH HEALER WILL ARRIVE IN DALLAS THURSDAY.

For fear that many persons who have shown an interest in the visit of James Moore Hickson of England may call at the St. Matthew's Cathedral prior to the arrival of the famous faith healer, the Very Rev. Randolph Ray, dean of the cathedral, issued a special announcement last night that Mr. Hickson would not arrive in Dallas until Thursday. It had been previously stated that he might arrive Wednesday. He will remain in Dallas Thursday and Friday and special services will be held at St. Matthew's Cathedral during his stay.

"Hundreds have written in and telephoned in regarding the visit of Mr. Hickson," Dean Ray said, "and unless it is generally known that he will not be here until Thursday I am afraid that many will be disappointed Wednesday."

January 24, 1920

FAITH HEALER LEAVES WITH CURES REPORTED

YOUNG WOMAN WITH PARALYZED
FACE ABLE TO MOVE FEATURES
AFTER VISIT.

MANY ARE DISAPPOINTED

Limited Visit of James Moore Hick-
son Makes It Impossible to See
All Who Manifest Desire.

Exhausted from nearly twelve hours of continuous working with the afflicted, James Moore Hickson, layman of the Church of England, concluded his two-day Dallas stay late last night. He went almost directly from his work to catch a 10:45 train for Galveston.

Mr. Hickson was again at St. Matthew's Cathedral on Ervay street at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the service continuing until nearly 3. At this hour, accompanied by the Very Rev. Randolph Ray, dean of the cathedral, he began a visitation of Dallas sick in sanitariums and private homes—a work kept up until after 9 o'clock last night. It was impossible for Mr. Hickson to visit all who expressed a desire to have him come for the laying on of hands. Dean Ray said last night that in anticipation of Mr. Hickson's coming, a list had been prepared for visitation. But in the pressure of the work it was impossible even to adhere to this. Location was the main point that had to be taken into consideration. Mr. Hickson visited the homes of rich and poor alike. He treated three patients at the Baptist Sanitarium, but was unable to reach St. Paul's, although there was a request for him there.

Over a thousand visitors thronged the cathedral during the session and over eight hundred treatments were given. Bishop Harry T. Moore, the Rev. C. E. Snowden and Dean Ray taking turns in giving the blessing.

Of the cases of cures reported—there have been many—there has been little opportunity of testing for authenticity. But one of the very few instantaneous cases occurred in the deanery of the cathedral itself.

After Mr. Hickson had retired from the church yesterday, a party of 300 hurried up the aisle and asked to see him. They explained that they had come from Fort Worth and were sure that he could help them.

Reports of Benefits.

Dean Ray assured them that Mr. Hickson had already left the church, but the party proceeded to the deanery and it was here that Mr. Hickson treated them. One of the three, a young woman the side of whose face was paralyzed, walked into the library and inquired: "Is it really true that I am moving my eye and face, or do I just imagine it?" She was assured that she was really moving the features, and declared that she had hitherto been unable to do so. Dean Ray himself talked to this young woman and found that she was apparently no longer suffering from paralysis.

One of the morning visitants to the church was an old woman, suffering from paralysis, who declared that her neighbor, a rheumatic sufferer, unable to walk, had attended the Thursday morning session, and that afternoon she had seen him walking about the house without pain, so she, too, had come for treatment.

A woman living at Handley, who has been unable to speak coherently for many years and had written all her

January 30, 1920

CASTS ASIDE CRUTCHES AFTER SEEING HICKSON

CHILD WALKS FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVEN MONTHS FOLLOWING VISIT TO HEALER.

Special to The News.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 29.—A 3-year-old girl, unable to walk for the last seven months, was carried by the father to the altar rail at St. Mark's Church today to the healing service conducted by James Moore Hickson and as they emerged from the church the child wiggled from its father's arms and not only walked, but skipped and played about. The father was so overcome with joy that he wept and could scarcely speak as he related how the child for months had not been able to walk at all.

There were many eyewitnesses to the cure. St. Mark's Church was again filled today to the limit of its capacity and many were turned away. All seeking to be healed were admitted first and again the children were treated first and crippled persons later. After that all who wished were allowed to come forward in turn for treatment.

And they came, as the day before, in wheeled chairs, cots and on crutches, devout religious people, and those who entered a church for the first time—Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Roman Catholics, members of every orthodox church and Christian Scientists.

One of the most touching stories was related by the Rev. Mr. Cook, rector of the church at Laredo, who told how Alta Garcia Puster, a 5-year-old girl from Laredo, who had not been able to walk for more than a year, due to an injury of an ankle which the doctors had given up hope of helping, was brought here by the father. The child's faith was boundless. She had heard of the mission of healing and insisted that she be brought. She was taken to the altar railing today, carried in father's arms, and left the church entirely cured. The father, after the services related the cure to a reporter.

AFFLICTED FOLLOW HEALER TO STATION

ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY SOME TO
SECURE TREATMENT ON TRAIN
OCCUPIED BY HICKSON.

Special to The News.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 30.—Great crowds of people went to St. Mark's Church this morning hoping for an opportunity to receive the healing touch and prayer of James Moore Hickson, the English Episcopal layman who closed today the third of his meetings here and left at 1 o'clock for El Paso.

Not half of the people were able to get inside the church and not half of those who did get inside were able to get to the altar rail. Learning that he was to take the train at the Southern Pacific depot for El Paso at 1 o'clock, someone discovering that it was impossible to get inside the church went to the depot and when Mr. Hickson reached there he was surprised to find a large number awaiting him.

Answering their appeals he laid his hands on them there and offered prayers in their behalf. Thinking to avoid the gathering crowd those with him got Mr. Hickson into an automobile and drove about till just time for the train to start. One woman, suffering from an ailment, who reached the depot late, on discovering the conditions made arrangements to board the train with him.

All morning long distance telephone calls came to St. Mark's parish house, inquiring where Mr. Hickson would go from San Antonio and over what route he would travel. Learning that he would pass through Sabin, parties there asked that he come to the platform and give the healing touch and prayer to a lady there, but said that if he could not do this they would have her get on the train and ride to the next station.

Many Go to El Paso.

At numerous other places along the route practically the same arrangements were made. Some who came from distant cities and were unable to see him here because of the crowds that came to the church, arranged to go to El Paso, hoping to meet him there.

This morning after the church had filled, Dr. Stevens, the rector, made an appeal to all people who had come into the church merely as spectators or who had brought friends who did not require their constant attention to please leave the church and allow room for those outside who were suffering from ailments. Many left the church on his appeal, but it scarcely left an impression on the crowd outside.

Mr. Hickson, however, in all his meetings and again today emphasized that his purpose is merely to start the revival of healing. For that purpose he is touring America, but remains at each place but a few days and expects the clergy to carry on the work after his departure. He said this morning that the revival is world-wide and told of having received letters from France and Australia and elsewhere from persons who had heard of the work.

While Mr. Hickson was conducting the services in the church Bishop Capers came to the gallery of St. Mark's parish house and talked to the crowds who were unable to gain admittance to the church, explaining to them that the work was not closed with the three-day visit of Mr. Hickson, but would be carried forward.