

APPROVES PRAYER HEALING

Dean Robbins Says Dr. Manning Also Sanctions 'Laying on of Hands'

Discussing the work of James Moore Hickson, a layman of the Church of England, who is conducting a mission for healing the sick by prayer and the laying on of hands at Trinity Chapel, 18 West Twenty-fifth Street. Dean Robbins, Rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, said last night that Mr. Hickson had his entire sympathy and interest.

"What Mr. Hickson is accomplishing is nothing new in the church," said Dean Robbins. "It is something that has been going on for a long time in England. Mr. Hickson himself has been doing this work ever since he was fourteen years old, and his thirty-five years experience have yielded some remarkable results."

"I met him only a short time ago through Dr. Manning of Trinity Church. What he accomplishes he does by prayer and faith. He has my entire sympathy and interest. He also has the sympathy of Dr Slattery of Grace Church, and many other prominent clergymen. I have not yet spoken to Bishop Burch about the matter, but I believe if he knew, he would be interested".

"Mr. Hickson. Is the President of the Society of Emmanuel, founded in England in 1905. He came to this country on May 26, being brought here by Dr; Manning, who arranged to give him a full opportunity to demonstrate sacramental healing at the Trinity Chapel." Although services have been held daily since that time no public announcement of the fact was made until yesterday.

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