

prayer, heard more and more clearly among us, as a spiritual power of far greater force and consequence than has been hitherto realised. We would go farther, and suggest that the real and effectual power of the Church lies in the use she makes of her spiritual gifts as such — of all those spiritual gifts and powers which have been surely bestowed upon her, but which in a great measure she has allowed to lapse and fall into disuse.

And one of the chief among those gifts (for we know with how great power it was exercised in the early Church and with what great spiritual results) is the gift of healing — one of those charismatic gifts, or free gifts of grace, making those on whom it is bestowed channels through which the healing power of Christ may pass to those in need of healing; renewing in them that life from God upon which the health of our whole nature depends.

The renewal of our whole nature, bodily, mental and spiritual — this it is which constitutes true Spiritual Healing. And as the force given and received is spiritual, so is it spiritual in its operation and in its results. It is in this fact that the power of Spiritual Healing lies, and on which the significance of the movement for its revival depends.

The question arises: Can Spiritual Healing then be given only through those who exercise the Gift of Healing? The history of the Church shows us that it is not confined to this means, but that it is given also through prayer and sacrament — because its actuality lies in the living presence of Christ in His Church; and wherever He is, there may His healing grace be found.

Will correspondents seeking help kindly write to Mr Hickson direct, at 22, Talbot-square, London, W. ?

Neither vision nor ecstasy, neither voice from Heaven, nor bodiful dream has pointed the way of salvation to me. I owe my enlightenment quite simply to the reading of a book . . . The Book, the Bible. . . He who has lost his God may find Him again in this volume, and he who has never known Him will then be met by the breath of the Divine Word.—Heine.

## British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Rev. F. H. Spencer, Agent for the British and Foreign Bible Society, sends the following:—

The account of the annual meeting of this Society in London is just to hand, and I think that all the Christian public should know of the wonderful way in which the Scriptures are being circulated, especially is this the case in China and in the Mohammedan world. Last year China bought over 2,182,000 copies, and together with what she bought from the American and Scottish Societies, over 5,000,000 were circulated. Independent of large sales to Mohammedans in India and elsewhere, in Persia 24,000 copies were sold and 7,500 in Turkish Arabia, and 104,800 in Egypt, and a missionary writing from Cairo states that he and four other missionaries have large Bible Classes of the youth eager to learn and assimilate the truths of the New Testament, and another writes that all along the north of Africa wonderful openings for Christian effort are before the Churches. The Society's total output last year was 8,958,253 copies, an average of 28,600 copies for each working day, and that now Bibles can be obtained in 112 languages, the New Testament in 111 and some portion in 233. 1,230 colporteurs sold over 4,250,000 copies. Most of these colporteurs are heroic men. You may ask, "What is the outcome of all their work?" Read the magazines of the Bible Society and you will believe in the colporteurs and what is more you will believe in the Word of God.

There was a threatened deficit of £12,500 last year, but some friends rallied, and in a few days £1,100 was sent in by Adelaide and £1,000 by poor old Ireland in the midst of all her distress, so that a record of receipts and expenditure was reached, being about £275,300. One is sorry to state that New Zealand has fallen heavily this year and so far as one can gather from the returns sent in only about £1,740 was contributed as against about £2,500 last year. In the United States, universal and simultaneous, Bible Sunday is observed, all sermons and collections being devoted to the cause. Canada is attaining to the same; Australia and New Zealand are aiming at it,

also South Africa, and there is nothing that the ministry of our Churches should allow to interfere with the same being effected in New Zealand, for unless this is done, the bulk of our Churches will remain in ignorance and hence unconcern for this work so intimately connected with all efforts to bring the world under the life-giving dominion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Church Missionary Society

The following Resolutions have been passed by the Church Missionary Society in connection with the late Canon Goodyear:—

Resolution of Committee of Correspondence of April 7th, 1914.

"That the Committee have heard with much regret of the death on January 18th of the Rev. Canon William Goodyear, at Tauranga, New Zealand. He was the last one of a long succession of Missionaries sent out to New Zealand by the C.M.S. from 1814 onwards. He had laboured among the Maoris in that Colony for over 35 years, and had witnessed the final stages by which the Church in New Zealand reached its independence.

"The Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the long and faithful service in the cause of Christ rendered by their departed brother, and instruct that an expression of their sincere sympathy be conveyed to Mrs Goodyear and family."

Minute of General Committee of April 14th, 1914.

"In recording with regret the death of the Rev. Canon Goodyear of New Zealand, the Committee note that this event puts an end, in one sense, to the Society's connection with the work in that Colony. Although the Venerable Bishop W. L. Williams still survives, as well as others formerly on the list of Missionaries, members of the Williams' family to which New Zealand owes so much, Mr Goodyear was one of the last two men sent out from England, having sailed in 1878 along with the late J. S. Hill, afterwards Bishop in Western Equatorial Africa; and by his death the Society's last financial liability in New Zealand ceases.

"It was in 1814 that the first Missionaries landed in New Zea-