

Here is a woman of thirty years who has never walked in her life, walking from the car to the railway platform, and stepping up strongly into the carriage.

Here is another woman of some thirty years, who, on the evidence of rector and relatives, has never spoken in her life. To her has come the full gift of language. It is incredible, perhaps, but it is true. A doubting friend rushes up and says, "Can you really speak?" and is transfixed with wonder upon receiving the amazing answer, "No, not much."

Two who were almost blind were quietly reading the newspapers on the following day.

RESULTS SUMMARISED.

A preliminary analysis of just a portion of the cases that have been reported and investigated is as follows:—Two totally blind persons have recovered sufficient sight to see their way about. Fifteen who were almost blind have recovered normal eyesight, in the majority of cases, and the remainder are greatly improved. Two dumb people speak well. Three others have received power to articulate. Four others with serious impediments in speech are practically normal.

Of twenty-six investigated cases of paralysis, partial paralysis, infantile paralysis, rheumatoid arthritis, and neuritis, eighteen are apparently quite well, and the others are vastly improved. Many suffering from St. Vitus' dance, epilepsy, and mental disorders are reported as being free from their former distresses.

These instances are but a few of the many who passed rapidly away to distant homes, hundreds of miles away.

It will take many months to gather together anything approaching a complete record. We have already abundant evidence that the greater number of healings are taking place gradually, and the effects of the mission on the physical side will be a progressive one, over a long period.

In two cases patients reported to me before the mission that medical men had said to them that the profession could do nothing for them, and their only hope lay in Christian healing. Both were cripples, and both were walking about firmly and well before the second day of the mission had passed. One old man had been coming for weeks to our preparation services. His left hand was always filled with pain. He had no control in it whatever. Medical men had told him he could never hope to use the hand again. As I stepped out of the Cathedral the first day, he gripped me with that hand, and it would be hard to say how many hundreds in Bathurst he has not shaken hands with since.

Instances could be multiplied manifold, and it would be false to the spirit of the mission if we did not close with the testimony that far beyond all physical healings is the wonderful quickening of spiritual perception, and the revival of a living faith in God and Jesus Christ which arises in and through the Healing Mission.

"THE LAME HAVE WALKED AND THE BLIND HAVE SEEN."

Columns of cures are published in the Sydney papers.

In an Empire Day speech at the North Sydney Girls' High School, Professor David said:—"We live in an age of mystery. We have seen wonderful results amongst us lately of Almighty God working through human agency. The lame have walked, and the blind have seen."

The Rev. W. Cleugh Black, Baptist minister at Crow's Nest, gives this testimony of a woman, Nurse Hefsworth, who lives next door to him. She was suffering from cataracts in the eyes. Four specialists had treated her, and she had undergone one operation. The sight of one eye was lost completely eight years ago, and the sight of the other had been practically destroyed. The specialists had advised that within a short period she would be totally blind. After Nurse Hefsworth had been to the Cathedral on Monday, Mr Black was called to see her. He was so struck with her improvement that he rang up a well-known consulting specialist, who came and applied scientific tests to the woman's eyes. To his amazement he discovered that she was able to see with the eye that had been totally blind. Next morning she found she had splendid sight with the other eye, and that, whereas the day before she could only see dimly a few yards, she was now able to distinguish the Blue Mountains on the horizon and the landscape in between. Each day since her sight has been getting clearer. The consulting specialist, declared Mr Black, says that medical science has never known of the restoration of sight after cataracts has done its deadly work, and he expressed the opinion that this case should convince the medical profession that behind the healing mission a supernatural power is at work.

Healing and Meditation.

(By the Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst.)

A friend of mine after attending Mr Hickson's Mission of Healing in Sydney, wrote to me saying, "It would be a great help to those who go for healing, if they could learn beforehand to meditate." Mr Hickson advises those who are waiting during

the service for the laying on of hands, to "rest in the Lord." Some may find this a little difficult, unless they learn beforehand how to do it. Many at present are beginning to prepare themselves for healing; so I want to throw out a few suggestions about meditation, to help further in their preparation. As I am writing these notes for the benefit of the sick, I want to assure them of this fact; meditation is one of the greatest aids to faith. Those who are anxious to find health and well being, should endeavor to use everything that brings them into touch with Jesus, the Saviour. Bear this in mind—the soul has its own geography; it can climb the steep ascent and find peace by the still waters. Meditation lifts one above the fogs of life, into the purer air of the spiritual world. Those who practice it can say with the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, "It is good for us to be here." Since meditation is not a common practice, some may ask what is meant by it. To put it briefly, I would say it is thinking quietly and listening. "Be still and know that I am God." To meditate you set yourself deliberately to think, and then you begin to listen within your soul, to what God the Holy Spirit has to say to you. Listening is probably the most important part of it. The attitude is that of the child Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth."

Having tried to make clear what meditation is, let me now throw out a few hints on how to do it. The first important thing is to choose a quiet spot where you will be free from interruptions. The next is to choose a suitable time, and if possible keep the same time each day. It is advisable to make it a daily practice, in order to drill the mind and soul into it. As to the amount of time required, your own experience must decide, but for beginners I should say not less than ten minutes.

Begin by saying over the Veni Creator, Hymn 157. This can be said either standing or kneeling; it should always be said slowly, dwelling on each word. Sit down in a comfortable place or lie down if you prefer it, relaxing the body. You want to get your body and mind quiet. If you intend at first meditating on one of our Lord's healings, read over the passage, and close your eyes. Next try to form a mental picture of it, in your mind; try to see it as it happened; imagine it happening in your own town, in a certain street, whilst you are an onlooker. It will help you if you can localise it, for then it becomes more real to you. Try and see the face of Jesus, full of compassion and sympathy, of love and of power; note the look of wonder, awe, joy, and faith on the face of the one healed. Then when the whole