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1629-1683

Irish man who, with what would today be called faith healing, cured many people suffering from psychosomatic illness—illness that originates or is made worse by the patients' belief that they are ill. His ability to connect with the patients psychologically foreshadowed the concept of healing the whole man.