

Special Mention

The Los Angeles Hospital

As the work of the College of Medical Evangelists progresses, and our people are preparing to build a dispensary and hospital in Los Angeles, I have heard a variety of arguments for and against the hospital enterprise.

One view of the movement is that because our missionary work in the Orient calls for many to combine medical work with their ministry, we should hasten to lay broad plans for the most thorough education and training of a multitude of workers to do skilfully that which they will be called upon to do when they reach the mission fields.

It is urged that because dispensary work is greatly needed in thousands of cities and villages, because it is heartily welcomed by the people, and because it is a most potent agency for the winning of confidence and the opening of hearts to the gospel, therefore it is wise for us to give special emphasis to the training of physicians and nurses for dispensary and hospital work.

With this in view, we ought to lay the foundation in Los Angeles for a broad work, which in time may include many dispensaries and several treatment-rooms.

One brother expressed fear that the establishment of a large clinical hospital in Los Angeles would take away from the Loma Linda Sanitarium its patronage, and ruin its work.

Another good brother said that he believed that if Sister White were living, she would oppose the movement now on foot to build a hospital in Los Angeles. This set me to thinking and to calling to mind what mother had written and said that would have a bearing upon this question.

Mother's views and plans regarding the work which was begun in 1905 by the purchase of the Loma Linda Sanitarium, have always impressed me as being very broad and inclusive.

Shortly after the opening of our work at Loma Linda, in her interviews with Professors Cady and Howell of the Healdsburg College, she presented outlines of work and attainments that gave us clearly to understand that a broad and advanced educational work would some day be done in Southern California, from Loma Linda as a center, if we moved forward in harmony with the advancing providences of God.

Often when expressing freely her views regarding the work in Southern California, of which the Loma Linda institution was a part, she presented to our minds a united medical and evangelistic work which included Los Angeles, Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, and other places.

When we understood this as applying to evangelistic work, it seemed clear and easy to be comprehended; but when her statements obviously applied to the medical side of our work, it was not so easy to understand.

One day in April, 1911, when a company were assembled to see what could be done to secure the control of the eighty-seven-acre tract of land lying in front of the institution, she spoke of the desirability of our owning this land, and at the same time presented forcefully the necessity of broadening our

plans to include the cities in the San Bernardino Valley and Los Angeles.

In March, 1913, when the building of the Loma Linda Hospital was under consideration, and we were at the same time considering the apparent necessity of giving the last two years of the medical course in Los Angeles, mother was asked if it was right for us to give the last two years of instruction in Los Angeles, or if we should hold all the work in Loma Linda.

In reply to this, she advised that we do in Loma Linda just as much of the work as could be done acceptably there, and carry the remainder to Los Angeles.

In later conversations she spoke interestedly of the work being done in Los Angeles, and was especially solicitous that a good home be provided for the students who were completing their medical studies there, that they might have the most favorable conditions for the development of medical knowledge and Christian experience.

On the morning of May 9, 1915, about twelve weeks after the beginning of mother's last illness, I received letters from Elders E. E. Andross and G. B. Starr, telling of the plans under consideration for the establishment of a students' home and a hospital for the Los Angeles branch of the work of the Loma Linda Medical College. When I visited mother, about 11:30 A. M., I found her as usual those rainy days, in her reclining chair in the big bay window. She looked very frail and feeble, and said, "I have some strange feelings today." After I had talked with her a little while about her condition, and had acknowledged the goodness of God in prolonging her life, I told her I had good news regarding the work at Loma Linda. I then related that a good sister in the East had offered to make a very liberal gift to the College of Medical Evangelists for the establishment of a students' home and a hospital in Los Angeles.

Mother's lips quivered, and for a moment she shook with emotion. Then she said: "I am glad you told me this. I have been in perplexity about Loma Linda, and this gives me courage and joy." After a little further conversation, I knelt down by her side, and thanked the God of Israel for his manifold blessings, and prayed for a continuation of his mercies. Then mother offered a very sweet prayer of about a dozen sentences, in which she expressed gratitude, confidence, love, and entire resignation.

With such an experience as this, and knowing her anxiety in behalf of the Los Angeles department of the college work, I find no foundation for a doubt but that mother would have been heartily glad if she could have known of the efforts that we were to make for the strengthening of the work, of which the Los Angeles hospital will be an important factor. W. C. WHITE.

What the Women are Doing

WHEN God made the first woman, he said she was to be a helpmeet. This is his plan for every woman on the earth since that time. Some one has said that a helpmeet is one who is fit, or suitable, to forward or promote. We like this definition for the women who are forwarding, or promoting, the work of The Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital. The

women of Central California are trying to prove themselves worthy of this description of them. Money being one of the chief essentials in almost every enterprise, and what we must have in order to build the hospital, one sister has proved her right to the title of helpmeet by donating \$100. Others have given smaller amounts.

In every church a sister is leading out in planning ways and means whereby they may do their most and best for this enterprise. Some are sewing, and others are making rugs and other articles for sale.

August 8 was Hospital Day in this section. This is a peach country, and as the peaches were at their best at that time, each one tried to get some work in the fruit whereby she could earn money to give on that day to the hospital fund. One sister reports \$3.50 as the result of her day's work. Even the children caught the spirit, and one little boy sends in \$1.25, which he earned in the fruit. Those who could not work in the fruit found other work to do, and joined heart and hand in the good work. "Jerusalem was builded because the people had willing minds. The same willing spirit will accomplish as great a work today."

When Ezra had prayed and wept before the Lord, there assembled unto him a great number of men, women, and children. These said, "Arise; . . . we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it." The same earnest seeking of the Lord will bring the same willing response from the people in this work today, and we may say, with the same assurance, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants

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The Truth M

THE word that conveys the message of the gospel, in these days of our civilization, is not only of great value for all future time, but also of great value to the stormy days which we are now living through. The word of God carries on its wings the message of peace and love to all nations and peoples, and it is the only power that can overcome the forces of evil and bring about the reign of righteousness on earth.

Tumult and strife are everywhere, but God carries on his work in the hearts of men, and he will bring about the triumph of the truth in the end.

When the Lord comes, he will bring with him the angels of heaven, and they will descend upon the clouds of heaven, and will appear to all eyes. At that time, the Lord will be revealed to all eyes, and all will see him as he is, and will worship him as God.

The Lord's arm made bare, and the result as given in the Scriptures, is that 4,351 were baptized last year; and even this is but a small part of the work that is being done in the world.

On a recent visit to the British Union Conference, we witnessed the good work of the Spirit of God, and the power of his truth, even in times of great trial and tribulation.

The Spirit of God is at work in the hearts of men, and he will bring about the triumph of the truth in the end. The lesson of the hour is that we must be diligent in our study of the Scriptures, and in our prayer to God, that we may be able to stand firm in the truth, when the Lord comes.

Not to be dismayed, but to care for his work, and to lie before us as times upon the earth. "The fear, though the earth though the mountains the midst of the sea; and thereof roar and be tremountains shake with thereof. . . . The Lord us; the God of Jacob

However, if our brethren whose service God is in times could speak with in countries outside that they would say, Push your consecrated power while you still have power.

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