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UNIQUE COLLEGE OF ADVENTISTS

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SCHOOL TRAINS FOR GOSPEL AND MEDICINE

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GRADUATES ARE SENT TO ALL PARTS OF WORLD

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STUDENTS ACQUIRE THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS

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Famed as the only college in the world that trains gospel workers to become physicians and nurses, the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, in the shadow of the San Bernardino Mountains, this year boasts an enrollment the largest since it was started in 1909.

It draws students from all over the world. During its life the institution has been sending out men and women equipped to teach the gospel of religion and health and minister in the ills of body and mind. Virtually every country on the globe has been represented in the student body. In the fifteen years it has been in operation, the college has become one of the most important divisions of the activities carried on by the Seventh Day Adventists.

Need for such a school was recognized by the Adventists prior to 1909. As early as 1901, according to Elder J.A. Burden, Mrs. Ellen Gould White, religious leader for whom White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles is named, urged her associates to move forward.

EARLY EFFORTS

At the time no member of the organization had ever heard of Loma Linda (hill beautiful). But a group of business men and physicians was struggling with the problem of maintaining a sanitarium taken over from a hotel company. The main building crowned a hill about seven miles from San Bernardino.

The hotel had been a failure, the sanitarium met the same fate and the men interested in the enterprise were offering for \$110,000 the property that had cost them \$155,000.

Mrs. White continued to urge her associates to act but the price asked was prohibitive. Later it was dropped to \$85,000 and at last to \$40,000. At this figure the property, consisting of 400 acres passed into the hands of the Seventh Day Adventists.

First they had to have the sanction of the State Board of Medical Examiners and they also wanted the approval of the American Medical Association. Eventually they obtained both, though each group frowned on the establishment of a Class C medical school.

FIVE STUDENTS AT FIRST

When the school opened in 1906 there were five students in the so-called medical class but three years later it was chartered to conduct a medical course and graduated its first group in 1914.

It is now a Class A school and its students are allowed to take State Board Examinations in any State in the Union. Its men and women are taking post-graduate work in Vienna, New York, Chicago, and with Mayo Brothers at Rochester, Minn. Their credentials are accepted in Edinburg and London.

Men and women who have graduated as physicians, as well as those who have taken the nurse's training course, are to be found at Rapur, Simla, Mussoorie and many other places in India; in Patagonia, Nicaragua. In South America, several of them are working among natives who practice cannibalism. Others are working in China, the Philippines, New Zealand and a group has recently been formed to go to Abyssinia. Many are missionary workers stationed at points in the United States and Canada.

HOSPITAL ADJUNCT

Early in the history of the work it was found that to give the students sound training they must have a larger experience than the isolated situation Loma Linda offered. The White Memorial hospital was founded in Los Angeles and there the work has been enlarged from year to year.

Since the purchase of Loma Linda many new buildings have been built, and old buildings enlarged. Last August a new hospital was opened that is equipped with the most modern appliances. It is a concrete structure on the crown of the hill with an open-air porch looking westward.

Nurse's training has always been a part of the work and now a course in dietetics has been added which was this year extended to a three-year course.

Beginning this year the College of Medical Evangelists took another progressive step, that of putting medical students on the co-operative or in-and-out plan which has been adopted by some of the trade schools and colleges of technology.

OUTSIDE TRAINING

After two months work freshmen students are sent to other hospitals and sanitariums as nurses, both general and special, orderlies, supervisors, clinical laboratory technicians, ambulance subinternes and other work that will be in line with their studies. They are paid the same salaries and subject to the same requirements as any other employee of this institution. After thirty days they return to the college and the vacancy is filled by another student who is out for thirty days. These students alternate throughout the year. They are promoted, reprimanded or dismissed as their employer may decide. Cards are furnished employers who report the student's behavior. These reports go to the co-ordinator who discusses them with the student. The students may also appeal to the co-ordinator against the employer if they are suffering injustice or they may ask for change of employment. He is the mediator who stands between the student and employer.

ENROLLMENT HIGHEST

This year's enrollment marks the high tide in the history of the college. Of the 500 who made application only 103 were chosen. Many of the rejected applicants did not have sufficient funds to carry on the work; others lacked the educational requirements---this like all other Class A schools makes two years college work a prerequisite. Another condition is that every student must bring proof that he has lived a Christian life for one year prior to his enrollment.

Not all the students are Seventh Day Adventists. Many come from other denominations and the only requirement is that they observe the religious life of the community. As Saturday is recognized as the Sabbath, rather than the first day of the week, all students must conform to this rule.

Vegetarianism is practiced by the Seventh Day Adventists and no meat, tea or coffee is served. The luncheon in the student's cafeteria is wholesome and well-balanced, and students are as healthy in appearance as any group of young men and women on any college campus.
