

**The Door Was Open...**

**BUT WE DIDN'T GO THROUGH**

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# Why Is This Important?

**“As religious teachers, we are under obligation to God to teach the students how to engage in medical missionary work.”**

*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 8, 297*

# Review

- ◆ **Dr. Kellogg was converted in 1888 and soon began working in “benevolent” lines.**
- ◆ **This was an essential work that the churches had left undone.**
- ◆ **Some ministers rejected health reform, criticized the kind of work Kellogg was doing, and “made war upon him” “in order to build themselves up.”**
- ◆ **Dr. Kellogg began to fight back, belittling the ministry and seeking to make his work into a monument to himself.**

# Review

- ◆ **The disunity between the “gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers” “placed on our churches the worst evil that can be placed there.”**
- ◆ **Both the Battle Creek Sanitarium and the Review and Herald Publishing House were providentially destroyed as the Lord tried to get the leaders of these two institutions to do the work “represented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah.”**

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**—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, 115 [1902]**

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**—*Loma Linda Messages*, 143 [1905]**

## **A Special Focus—Cities**

**“Henceforth medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been carried. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities.”**

**—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, 167 [1909]**

## **A Special Focus—Cities**

**“In every city there should be a city mission, that would be a training school for workers. Many of our brethren must stand condemned in the sight of God because they have not done the very work that God would have them do.”**

**—*Medical Ministry*, 303 [1910]**

## **A Special Focus—Cities**

**“The burden of our cities has rested so heavily upon me that it has sometimes seemed that I should die. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time, and is now to be taken hold of in faith.... With mighty power the cry is to be sounded in our large centers of population, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.’”**

**—*Review and Herald*, November 17, 1910**

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**“There are many lines of Christian effort being carried forward by our brethren and sisters in San Francisco. These include visiting the sick and destitute, finding homes for orphans, and work for the unemployed; nursing the sick, and teaching the love of Christ from house to house; the distribution of literature; and the conducting of classes for healthful living and the care of the sick. A school for the children is conducted in the basement of the meeting-house.**

# Logistics

**“In another part of the city a workingmen’s home and medical mission is maintained. On Market Street, near the City Hall, there is a bath establishment [hydrotherapy treatment center], operated as a branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium. In the same locality is a depot of the Health Food Company, where health foods are not only sold, but instruction is given as to reforms in diet.**

# Logistics

**“Nearer the center of the city, our people conduct a Vegetarian Cafe, which is open six days in the week, and is entirely closed on the Sabbath. Here about five hundred meals are served daily, and no flesh-meats are used.**

**“Dr. and Mrs. Dr. Lamb are doing much medical work for the poor in connection with their regular practice; and Dr. Buchannan is doing much free work at the Workingmen’s Home.**

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## **A Final Point of Logistics**

**“Repeatedly the Lord has instructed us that we are to work the cities from outpost centers. In these cities we are to have houses of worship, as memorials for God; but institutions for the publication of our literature, for the healing of the sick, and for the training of workers, are to be established outside the cities. Especially is it important that our youth be shielded from the temptations of city life.”**

**—*Selected Messages*, book two, 358**

## **A Final Point of Logistics**

**“The cities must be worked. The millions living in these congested centers are to hear the third angel’s message. This work should have been developed rapidly during the past few years. A beginning has been made, for which we praise God. Outpost centers are being established, from whence, like Enoch of old, our workers can visit the cities and do faithful service.**

## **A Final Point of Logistics**

**“This was the burden of my message to the brethren and sisters assembled in conference at Los Angeles. On the morning of the San Francisco earthquake, April 18, the second day after the scene of falling buildings had passed before me, I spoke in the Carr Street church, and bore a decided testimony.... I referred to the great work that must be done in the cities of our land, and of our inability to do this work by establishing institutions in the heart of these cities. We must learn to labor from outpost centers.**

## **A Final Point of Logistics**

**“Out of the cities; out of the cities!”—this is the message the Lord has been giving me. The earthquakes will come; the floods will come; and we are not to establish ourselves in the wicked cities, where the enemy is served in every way, and where God is so often forgotten.... We must make wise plans to warn the cities, and at the same time live where we can shield our children and ourselves from the contaminating and demoralizing influences so prevalent in these places.”**

*—Review and Herald, July 5, 1906*

# **A Whole New Approach**

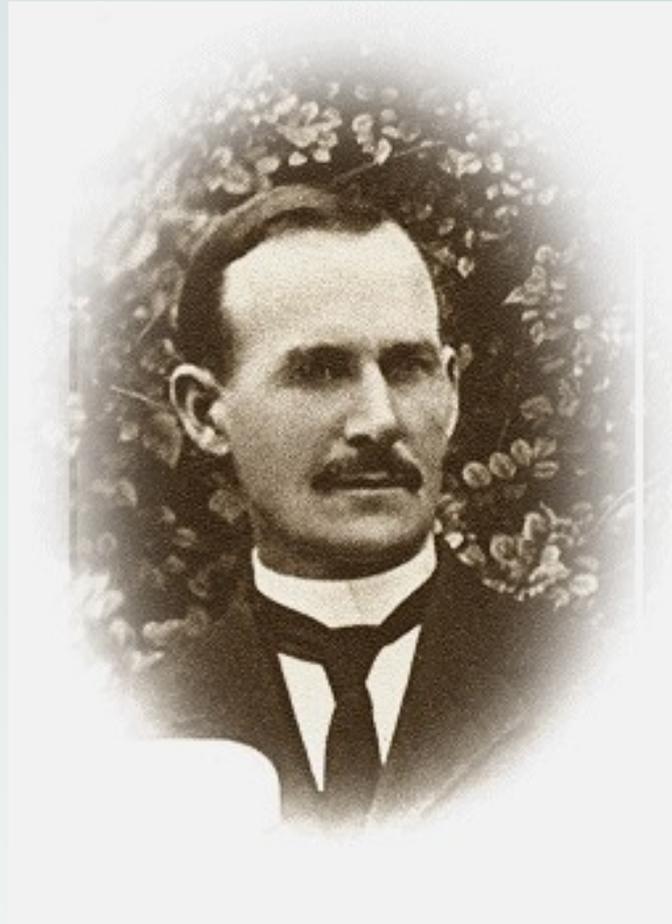
**“The cause of God today would have been far in advance of what it is, had we in former years been more active in the training of nurses who, in addition to their acquirement of more than ordinary skill in the care of the sick, had also learned to labor as evangelists in soul-winning service.**

## **A Whole New Approach**

**“It is for the training of such workers, as well as for the training of physicians, that the school at Loma Linda has been founded. In this school many workers are to be qualified with the ability of physicians, to labor, not in professional lines as physicians, but as medical missionary evangelists.... The cause is in need of hundreds of workers who have received a practical and thorough education in medical lines, and who are also prepared to labor from house to house as teachers, Bible workers, and colporteurs.”**

**—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, 471**

# John Burden



# **A Whole New Approach**

**“It will take some time to get a right understanding of the matter, but just as soon as we begin to work in the line of true reform, the Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us if we are willing to be guided.**

**“Much good can be done by those who do not hold diplomas as fully accredited physicians. Some are to be prepared to work as competent physicians. Many working under the direction of such ones can do acceptable work without spending so long a time in study as it has been thought necessary in the past.”**

**—Loma Linda Messages, 446.**

# **A Whole New Approach**

**“To us, it seems clear from the foregoing testimonies that there are at least three classes of workers to be educated in medical lines:**

**“First, Many well trained nurses to work as evangelists;**

**“Second, A large number of persons qualified with the ability of physicians to labor as evangelists**

**“Third, a few fully accredited physicians with recognition to stand at the head of the work.”**

*—Loma Linda Messages, 447*

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**“Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew or seek to the god of Ekron. Let us determine that we shall not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God, and who will not hearken to His commandments....**

# **A Whole New Approach**

**“Shall we represent before the world, that our physicians must follow the pattern of the world, before they can be qualified to act as successful physicians? This is the question that is now testing the faith of some of our brethren. Let not any of our brethren displease the Lord, by advocating in their assemblies the idea that we need to obtain from unbelievers a higher education than that specified by the Lord.”**

**—*Loma Linda Messages*, 447**

# **California Medical Societies, 1900**

- ◆ **The American Medical Association**  
also referred to as “regular” medicine
- ◆ **The Osteopathic Medical Society**
- ◆ **The Homeopathic Medical Society**
- ◆ **The Chiropractic Medical Society**
- ◆ **The Eclectic Medical Society**

# **California Medical Licensing, 1901**

**February 27—**

- ◆ **New law placed all medical licensing under the jurisdiction of a single Board of Medical Examiners made up of five representatives of the AMA, two Homeopaths, and two Eclectics**

**March 9—**

- ◆ **Another new law established a Board of Osteopathic Examiners, and explicitly exempted them from the jurisdiction of any other provision of California law**

# **California Medical Licensing, 1907**

**After twenty-one congressional bills failed to re-write the law during the intervening years, a new statute was finally passed.**

**There were a number of minor changes, and two very significant new provisions—**

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**“Three forms of certificate shall be issued by said board...: first, a certificate authorizing the holder thereof to practice medicine and surgery; second, a certificate authorizing the holder thereof to practice osteopathy; third, a certificate authorizing the holder thereof to practice any other system or mode of treating the sick or afflicted not referred to in this section.”**

# California Medical Licensing, 1907

The new law required examinations on “anatomy, histology, gynecology, pathology, bacteriology, chemistry and toxicology, physiology, obstetrics, general diagnosis, [and] hygiene.”

What's missing here? Two items specified by the previous law have been left off the “required” list.

- ◆ **Materia medica**
- ◆ **Surgery**

# **Elder Burden's Plan**

**Since “the Legislature of California has opened the way for the students of such a school as the Loma Linda College of [Medical] Evangelists to be legally recognized to practice sanitarium methods of healing, or rational remedies.... with no thought or effort on our part,... [it has] seemed to us a divine providence, coming as it did the next year after we had started our school.**

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**“The battle was fought by the osteopaths, but the Legislature then threw the gate wide open for any school whose requirements for entrance to the medical course were equal to a high school preparation on the ten fundamental branches that underlie medical education. *Materia medica* and surgery are both thrown out, so that a good, thorough school of hygiene or rational practice of medicine would have no difficulty in being recognized in this state.**

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**“And should our school be recognized here, its students would have a vantage ground from which to secure recognition in other states, the same as the osteopaths are being recognized.**

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**“Their healing art is fast being recognized in all the states, but they have had to fight their way to the front with everything against them. Their opening the way will evidently make it easier, for a time at least, for other reputable methods of healing to become recognized.**

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**“It certainly was a great misfortune that the American Medical Missionary College was launched under cover of the regular schools rather than under the banner of the healing art embodied in the third angel's message. And it seems to some of us that we shall make the same mistake they did if we undertake to follow their example in establishing a medical school whose very standard, if it is at all maintained, means commercialism from first to last....”**

## Elder Burden's Plan

**“I am sure that as soon as the question [of establishing an independent and uniquely *Adventist* medical college] comes up, the first thought will be of a superficial medical education that would be a disgrace to the work of the message, unless we can establish... a fully-equipped medical school after the world's idea, which could become a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges. I do not believe we should for a moment give countenance to anything of this sort.**

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**If all the above is true, Elder Burden asked, “would a medical school eliminating these useless things from its work and adding that most helpful, healing agency—the influence of the gospel of Christ as revealed in the study of the Scriptures, combined with rational remedies and the ten fundamental branches taught in harmony therewith—would such a school become superficial simply because it stood alone and was not recognized by the modern schools of the world?”**

**—John Burden, Letter to W.A. Ruble, April 1908**

## **But, What About the Finances?**

**“In every large city there should be a corps of organized, well-disciplined workers; not merely one or two, but scores should be set to work. But the perplexing question is yet unsolved, how they will be sustained.”**

*—Medical Ministry, 300*

## **K.I.S.S.**

**“In every city where we have a church there is need of a place where treatment can be given.... for common ailments. The building might be inelegant and even rude, but it should be furnished with facilities for giving simple treatments. These, skillfully employed, would prove a blessing not only to our people, but to their neighbors, and might be the means of calling the attention of many to health principles.”**

**—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, 113**

# **K.I.S.S.**

**“All the grand displays that have been made in the medical missionary work, or in buildings, or in dress, or in any line of adornment are contrary to the will of God. Our work is to be carefully studied, and is to be in accordance with our Saviour’s plan.”**

**—*Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 19, 25**

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**“We must do more than we have done to reach the people of our cities. We are not to erect large buildings in these cities, but over and over again the light has been given that plants should be made in every city of America. We have no time to neglect the doing of this work, which for years has been outlined before us.”**

**—*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 4, 283**

# Spread It Out!

**“In every city there are men and women who would go to a sanitarium were it near at hand, who would not be able to go to one a long way off.... I look at this matter in a very decided light.”**

*—Loma Linda Messages, 53*

**“The Lord’s plan is to have small sanitariums established in many places, so that the greatest number of people, East and West, North and South, can be reached through this means.”**

*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 7, 211*

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**“The sick are to be reached, not by massive buildings, but by the establishment of many small sanitariums, which are to be as lights shining in a dark place.”**

*—Counsels on Health, 211*

**“Our sanitariums are to help to make up the number of God’s people. We are not to establish a few mammoth institutions; for thus it would be impossible to give the patients the messages that will bring health to the soul. Small sanitariums are to be established in many places.”**

*—Medical Ministry, 327*

## **Finances Again (sigh)**

**“You are to go into these cities and begin work in a humble way. If we had faithfully followed from the first the instruction regarding city work, means would have come in for us to establish in these places schools and small sanitariums where we could treat the sick, and preach the gospel, and educate the people in Bible truth. We would have had means to sustain all the enterprises for missionary work that we could carry forward.”**

**—*General Conference Bulletin*, June 4, 1909**

## **Finances Again (sigh)**

**“Do you not know that unless you carry the truth to the cities, there will be a drying up of means?”**

**—*General Conference Bulletin*, May 24, 1909**

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**“Shall we not advance in faith, just as if we had thousands of dollars? We do not have half faith enough. Let us act our part in warning these cities. The warning message must come to the people who are ready to perish, unwarned, unsaved. How can we delay? As we advance, the means will come. But we must advance by faith, trusting in the Lord God of Israel.”**

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**“As men and women are brought into the truth in the cities, the means will begin to come in. As surely as honest souls will be converted, their means will be consecrated to the Lord’s service, and we shall see an increase of our resources.”**

**—*Evangelism*, 89**

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**“Go to these [wealthy] men with a heart filled with love for Christ and suffering humanity, and ask them to help you in the work you are trying to do for the Master. As they see that you reveal the sentiments of God’s benevolence, a chord will be touched in their hearts. They will realize that they can be Christ’s helping hand by doing medical missionary work. They will be led to co-operate with God, to provide the facilities necessary to set in operation the work that needs to be done.”**

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—Luke 10:3-7

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**“The Lord has at no time guided in the large plans that have been laid for buildings in Los Angeles. He has given light as to how we should move, and yet movements have been made that are contrary to the light and instruction given.**

**“I was... taken to see this property, and as I walked up the hill in front of it, I heard distinctly a voice that said,...**

# The Road We Traveled

**“Encourage no settlement here of any description. God forbids. My people must get away from such surroundings. This place is as Sodom for wickedness. The place where my institutions are established must be altogether different. Leave the cities, and like Enoch come from your retirement to warn the people of the cities.”**

*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 1, 250*

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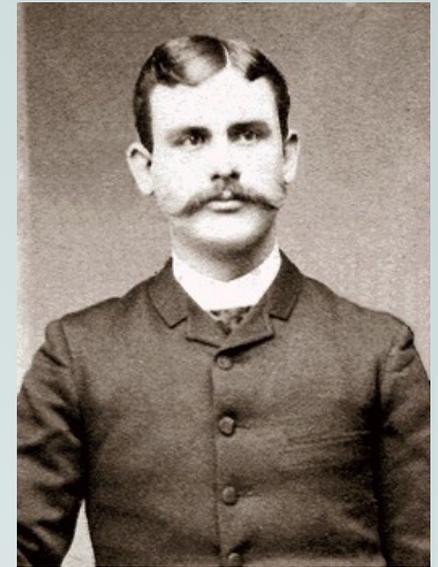
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## **And what now...?**

**“When the gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers are not united, there is placed on our churches the worst evil that can be placed there.”**

**—*Sermons and Talks*, vol. 1, 347**

**“The union of Christlike work for the body and Christlike work for the soul is the true interpretation of the gospel.”**

**—*Evangelism*, 514**

## **A United Work**

**“The gospel ministry is needed to give permanence and stability to the medical missionary work; and the ministry needs the medical missionary work to demonstrate the practical working of the gospel. Neither part of the work is complete without the other.”**

*—Testimonies, vol. 6, 289*

## **And what now...?**

**“I have been shown that in our labor for the enlightenment of the people in the large cities the work has not been as well organized or the methods of labor as efficient as in other churches that have not the great light we regard as so essential. Why is this? Because so many of our laborers have been those who love to preach (and many who were not thoroughly qualified to preach were set at work), and a large share of the labor has been put forth in preaching.”**

*—Medical Ministry, 301*

# **My Conclusions**

**(Take 'em or leave 'em; it's your call....)**

**Proclamation is the Explanation  
of the Demonstration**

**Proclamation without Demonstration  
is actually Misinformation**

# **The Door Was Open...**

**BUT WE DIDN'T GO THROUGH**

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Blessings,  
Dave

## **Why Is This Important?**

**“As religious teachers, we are under obligation to God to teach the students how to engage in medical missionary work.”**

*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 8, 297*

## Review

- ◆ **Dr. Kellogg was converted in 1888 and soon began working in “benevolent” lines.**
- ◆ **This was an essential work that the churches had left undone.**
- ◆ **Some ministers rejected health reform, criticized the kind of work Kellogg was doing, and “made war upon him” “in order to build themselves up.”**
- ◆ **Dr. Kellogg began to fight back, belittling the ministry and seeking to make his work into a monument to himself.**

## **Review**

- ◆ **The disunity between the “gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers” “placed on our churches the worst evil that can be placed there.”**
- ◆ **Both the Battle Creek Sanitarium and the Review and Herald Publishing House were providentially destroyed as the Lord tried to get the leaders of these two institutions to do the work “represented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah.”**

## Review

- ◆ **Dr. Kellogg was eventually disfellowshipped, and the denomination quickly moved away from the “benevolent work.”**

But out in California, something new was going on. Ellen White was calling for Sanitariums. Why in California? Because of the tourist traffic—remember that. (SpTB14 4.2)

But Sanitariums were also a way to meet a special need...

## **A Special Focus—Cities**

**“We must do more than we have done to reach the people of our cities.”**

*—Testimonies, vol. 7, 115 [1902]*

## **A Special Focus—Cities**

**“There is to be a working of our cities as they never have been worked. That which should have been done twenty, yes, more than twenty years ago, is now to be done speedily.”**

*—Loma Linda Messages, 143 [1905]*

## **A Special Focus—Cities**

**“Henceforth medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been carried. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities.”**

*—Testimonies, vol. 9, 167 [1909]*

## **A Special Focus—Cities**

**“In every city there should be a city mission, that would be a training school for workers. Many of our brethren must stand condemned in the sight of God because they have not done the very work that God would have them do.”**

*—Medical Ministry, 303 [1910]*

## **A Special Focus—Cities**

**“The burden of our cities has rested so heavily upon me that it has sometimes seemed that I should die. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time, and is now to be taken hold of in faith.... With mighty power the cry is to be sounded in our large centers of population, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.’”**

*—Review and Herald, November 17, 1910*

## Logistics

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*—General Conference Daily Bulletin, January 30, 1893*

But there are a lot of cities...

Doing *anything* in every city is going to be a huge job.

How is all this ever supposed to be done?

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“Corps”—body, group

How many is a “score”?

So how many is “scores”?

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*—Testimonies, vol. 6, 267*

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—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, 267

20-somethings have a kind of influence that no one else can match. If you’re 20-something, you better make good use of it now, because it will evaporate in another few years....

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help the Laodiceans...

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READ text

And it worked. The one church that tried it was certainly growing and active.

Ellen White wrote about it in 1901. Here’s what she had to say....

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## **Logistics**

**“There are many lines of Christian effort being carried forward by our brethren and sisters in San Francisco. These include visiting the sick and destitute, finding homes for orphans, and work for the unemployed; nursing the sick, and teaching the love of Christ from house to house; the distribution of literature; and the conducting of classes for healthful living and the care of the sick. A school for the children is conducted in the basement of the meeting-house.**

## Logistics

**“In another part of the city a workingmen’s home and medical mission is maintained. On Market Street, near the City Hall, there is a bath establishment [hydrotherapy treatment center], operated as a branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium. In the same locality is a depot of the Health Food Company, where health foods are not only sold, but instruction is given as to reforms in diet.**

“Workingmen’s home”—that would be something like a homeless shelter, or a halfway house

## **Logistics**

**“Nearer the center of the city, our people conduct a Vegetarian Cafe, which is open six days in the week, and is entirely closed on the Sabbath. Here about five hundred meals are served daily, and no flesh-meats are used.**

**“Dr. and Mrs. Dr. Lamb are doing much medical work for the poor in connection with their regular practice; and Dr. Buchannan is doing much free work at the Workingmen’s Home.**

## Logistics

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*—Australasian Union Conference Record, March 1, 1901*

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But it wasn't to be. Most of the work mentioned here was ended by the San Francisco earthquake of 1906.

To the best of my knowledge, such a full-scope effort of Metropolitan Medical Missionary Evangelism has never been attempted since.

The good work done in San Francisco seems to have lacked one element, though, which Ellen White came to emphasize more and more, especially after the 1906 earthquake.

## **A Final Point of Logistics**

**“Repeatedly the Lord has instructed us that we are to work the cities from outpost centers. In these cities we are to have houses of worship, as memorials for God; but institutions for the publication of our literature, for the healing of the sick, and for the training of workers, are to be established outside the cities. Especially is it important that our youth be shielded from the temptations of city life.”**

*—Selected Messages, book two, 358*

## **A Final Point of Logistics**

**“The cities must be worked. The millions living in these congested centers are to hear the third angel’s message. This work should have been developed rapidly during the past few years. A beginning has been made, for which we praise God. Outpost centers are being established, from whence, like Enoch of old, our workers can visit the cities and do faithful service.**

## **A Final Point of Logistics**

**“This was the burden of my message to the brethren and sisters assembled in conference at Los Angeles. On the morning of the San Francisco earthquake, April 18, the second day after the scene of falling buildings had passed before me, I spoke in the Carr Street church, and bore a decided testimony.... I referred to the great work that must be done in the cities of our land, and of our inability to do this work by establishing institutions in the heart of these cities. We must learn to labor from outpost centers.**

## A Final Point of Logistics

**“Out of the cities; out of the cities!”—this is the message the Lord has been giving me. The earthquakes will come; the floods will come; and we are not to establish ourselves in the wicked cities, where the enemy is served in every way, and where God is so often forgotten.... We must make wise plans to warn the cities, and at the same time live where we can shield our children and ourselves from the contaminating and demoralizing influences so prevalent in these places.”**

*—Review and Herald, July 5, 1906*

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But we are still faced with a very serious question—

How could all this *ever* be done “in every city”?

If there was one tool for this job in the Lord’s arsenal which Ellen White emphasized more than any other, it was a school called the College of Medical Evangelists.

And God had a special plan for it. So special, in fact, that it was really...

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## **A Whole New Approach**

**“The cause of God today would have been far in advance of what it is, had we in former years been more active in the training of nurses who, in addition to their acquirement of more than ordinary skill in the care of the sick, had also learned to labor as evangelists in soul-winning service.**

## A Whole New Approach

“It is for the training of such workers, as well as for the training of physicians, that the school at Loma Linda has been founded. In this school many workers are to be qualified with the ability of physicians, to labor, not in professional lines as physicians, but as medical missionary evangelists.... The cause is in need of hundreds of workers who have received a practical and thorough education in medical lines, and who are also prepared to labor from house to house as teachers, Bible workers, and colporteurs.”

—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, 471

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Trying something new is tricky business.

Any administrator knows that doing something new often requires finding some **one** new.

Ellen White had just the man. Better yet, he was already on the job site. He just didn't know what his job was going to be.

## John Burden



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Bought Paradise Valley, then Glendale, but EGW said there was another one—Loma Linda

If you haven't heard the story of the purchase of Loma Linda, you need to read it for yourself—because I don't have time to tell you now.

The best thing about John Burden, though, is that in all 300+ letters he received from Ellen White, he *was never reproved*.

What was his secret? He just did what the Lord told him to do.

But now he had a new job...

## **A Whole New Approach**

**“It will take some time to get a right understanding of the matter, but just as soon as we begin to work in the line of true reform, the Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us if we are willing to be guided.**

**“Much good can be done by those who do not hold diplomas as fully accredited physicians. Some are to be prepared to work as competent physicians. Many working under the direction of such ones can do acceptable work without spending so long a time in study as it has been thought necessary in the past.”**

*—Loma Linda Messages, 446.*

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As Ellen White described it, the real goal was the creation of a whole new profession.

Something along the lines of an “Evangelistic Physician’s Assistant”

Here’s how John Burden summed it up in a letter to the General Conference Committee:

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## **A Whole New Approach**

**“To us, it seems clear from the foregoing testimonies that there are at least three classes of workers to be educated in medical lines:**

**“First, Many well trained nurses to work as evangelists;**

**“Second, A large number of persons qualified with the ability of physicians to labor as evangelists**

**“Third, a few fully accredited physicians with recognition to stand at the head of the work.”**

*—Loma Linda Messages, 447*

READ text...

Any “new” idea will face challenges in breaking through the barrier of tradition.

No reason to think this case should be any different. But sometimes God calls us to step up higher than we’ve ever gone before.

Ellen White sensed the challenge, and took steps to provide support.

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## A Whole New Approach

**"Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew or seek to the god of Ekron. Let us determine that we shall not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God, and who will not hearken to His commandments...."**

2 Kings 1:2 Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury."

2 Kings 1:3 But the angel {Or Angel} of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?'

2 Kings 1:6 So they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'""

## A Whole New Approach

**“Shall we represent before the world, that our physicians must follow the pattern of the world, before they can be qualified to act as successful physicians? This is the question that is now testing the faith of some of our brethren. Let not any of our brethren displease the Lord, by advocating in their assemblies the idea that we need to obtain from unbelievers a higher education than that specified by the Lord.”**

*—Loma Linda Messages, 447*

READ text...

Notice that—in this statement at least—she doesn’t say that the Lord’s education is “higher” than the world’s. Maybe the world *does* offer a “higher” education in some respects....

The question remains—what education is “specified by the Lord” in order to do His work successfully?

OK, so now take a deep breath. Let all that sink in for a second before we plunge into our next section.... Ready? Here we go...

In order to make any sense of the next decade or so of Adventist history, we have to understand Medical Licensing in California at the time.

## **California Medical Societies, 1900**

- ◆ **The American Medical Association**  
also referred to as “regular” medicine
- ◆ **The Osteopathic Medical Society**
- ◆ **The Homeopathic Medical Society**
- ◆ **The Chiropractic Medical Society**
- ◆ **The Eclectic Medical Society**

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“regular” medicine, like “normal” teachers

The Eclectic Medical Institute (later, College), operated in Cincinnati, Ohio, from 1845–1942. This school of medical thought emphasized the use of herbal remedies, but was open to adopting any other techniques that proved advantageous.

## **California Medical Licensing, 1901**

**February 27—**

- ◆ **New law placed all medical licensing under the jurisdiction of a single Board of Medical Examiners made up of five representatives of the AMA, two Homeopaths, and two Eclectics**

**March 9—**

- ◆ **Another new law established a Board of Osteopathic Examiners, and explicitly exempted them from the jurisdiction of any other provision of California law**

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Ten days later...

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The osteopaths wanted nothing to do with a combined board of medical licensing. And everyone else became jealous. Toss in a few scandals connected to the licensing board, and some sort of change was bound to come.

## **California Medical Licensing, 1907**

**After twenty-one congressional bills failed to re-write the law during the intervening years, a new statute was finally passed.**

**There were a number of minor changes, and two very significant new provisions—**

## **California Medical Licensing, 1907**

**“Three forms of certificate shall be issued by said board...: first, a certificate authorizing the holder thereof to practice medicine and surgery; second, a certificate authorizing the holder thereof to practice osteopathy; third, a certificate authorizing the holder thereof to practice any other system or mode of treating the sick or afflicted not referred to in this section.”**

This is what the law said.

## **California Medical Licensing, 1907**

**The new law required examinations on “anatomy, histology, gynecology, pathology, bacteriology, chemistry and toxicology, physiology, obstetrics, general diagnosis, [and] hygiene.”**

**What’s missing here? Two items specified by the previous law have been left off the “required” list.**

- ◆ **Materia medica**
- ◆ **Surgery**

Read, then

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CLICK for — “Materia medica”: what we now call pharmacology, the science of drugs.

CLICK for — Surgery

What did all these changes in the law mean for Seventh-day Adventists?

John Burden thought he knew, so he wrote a letter...

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## **Elder Burden's Plan**

**Since "the Legislature of California has opened the way for the students of such a school as the Loma Linda College of [Medical] Evangelists to be legally recognized to practice sanitarium methods of healing, or rational remedies.... with no thought or effort on our part,... [it has] seemed to us a divine providence, coming as it did the next year after we had started our school.**

## **Elder Burden's Plan**

**"The battle was fought by the osteopaths, but the Legislature then threw the gate wide open for any school whose requirements for entrance to the medical course were equal to a high school preparation on the ten fundamental branches that underlie medical education. Materia medica and surgery are both thrown out, so that a good, thorough school of hygiene or rational practice of medicine would have no difficulty in being recognized in this state.**

## **Elder Burden's Plan**

**"And should our school be recognized here, its students would have a vantage ground from which to secure recognition in other states, the same as the osteopaths are being recognized.**

## **Elder Burden's Plan**

**"Their healing art is fast being recognized in all the states, but they have had to fight their way to the front with everything against them. Their opening the way will evidently make it easier, for a time at least, for other reputable methods of healing to become recognized.**

## **Elder Burden's Plan**

**"It certainly was a great misfortune that the American Medical Missionary College was launched under cover of the regular schools rather than under the banner of the healing art embodied in the third angel's message. And it seems to some of us that we shall make the same mistake they did if we undertake to follow their example in establishing a medical school whose very standard, if it is at all maintained, means commercialism from first to last...."**

## Elder Burden's Plan

**"I am sure that as soon as the question [of establishing an independent and uniquely *Adventist* medical college] comes up, the first thought will be of a superficial medical education that would be a disgrace to the work of the message, unless we can establish... a fully-equipped medical school after the world's idea, which could become a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges. I do not believe we should for a moment give countenance to anything of this sort.**

## Elder Burden's Plan

**"If much that is now embodied in the medical schools of the world is as useless as the maxims of the scribes and Pharisees, and if there are intricate studies that are a positive injury to the mind of the student, disqualifying him for the work he should do; and again, if much of their course is mere rubbish,...**

Sounds like dear, sweet Brother Burden is getting a little critical here, doesn't it?

What right does he have to say all those... uh, *uncharitable* things?

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## Elder Burden's Plan

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Well, his comments are almost an exact quote from a 48-page pamphlet of Ellen White's counsels about the work at Loma Linda.

And if you do a little more checking, you'll find that the original source of the passage he's quoting is...

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## **Elder Burden's Plan**

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...a letter that Ellen White had written in 1903 (two years before the purchase of the college property).

And you can see that it is identified as "Letter B-241." That's because the "B" stands for "Burden."

But, on with Elder Burden's thoughts—

## **Elder Burden's Plan**

**If all the above is true, Elder Burden asked, “would a medical school eliminating these useless things from its work and adding that most helpful, healing agency—the influence of the gospel of Christ as revealed in the study of the Scriptures, combined with rational remedies and the ten fundamental branches taught in harmony therewith—would such a school become superficial simply because it stood alone and was not recognized by the modern schools of the world?”**

**—John Burden, Letter to W.A. Ruble, April 1908**

Found in *Loma Linda Messages*, 368–370

Quoted in *Hindsight*, 199–201

## **But, What About the Finances?**

**“In every large city there should be a corps of organized, well-disciplined workers; not merely one or two, but scores should be set to work. But the perplexing question is yet unsolved, how they will be sustained.”**

*—Medical Ministry, 300*

Now that we have a picture *what* needs to be done, the obvious question is “How?” And “how?” often really means “How are we ever going to pay for all this?”

Ellen White asked the same question. Let’s read a little more of a quotation we looked at earlier.

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## **K.I.S.S.**

**“In every city where we have a church there is need of a place where treatment can be given.... for common ailments. The building might be inelegant and even rude, but it should be furnished with facilities for giving simple treatments. These, skillfully employed, would prove a blessing not only to our people, but to their neighbors, and might be the means of calling the attention of many to health principles.”**

*—Testimonies, vol. 6, 113*

Well, here's a part of the answer.

OK, what does K-I-S-S stand for?

“Keep It Simple Son” (or Saints, or Stupid, or Sweetheart)

CLICK and read quote.

It's a natural human tendency to think we have to have the latest and greatest of everything before we can do *anything*. God says that's *wrong!*

## **K.I.S.S.**

**“All the grand displays that have been made in the medical missionary work, or in buildings, or in dress, or in any line of adornment are contrary to the will of God. Our work is to be carefully studied, and is to be in accordance with our Saviour’s plan.”**

*—Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 19, 25*

Jesus’ plan was pretty simple.

Walk around; help people; talk about God.

Not too complicated.

But not something for the foolish or faint of heart, either. Remember, Jesus did His work in a pretty tense political environment, against some really serious opposition. They did kill Him, after all.

So when I say that Jesus’ plans were “simple,” I don’t mean that it was child’s play.

## **K.I.S.S.**

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*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 20, 354*

Here's another interesting statement.

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—*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 20, 354

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Now, let me make something clear—I’m not opposed to the latest and greatest of modern medical science. It’s fascinating stuff—I love it.

And if I ever wrap myself around a telephone pole at 70 miles an hour, I don’t want somebody giving me herbal teas and fomentations. At least not until they’ve got me all stitched back together again.

Modern medicine is great stuff.

It’s just not the tool that most of us have been called to use to win the most souls.

## Spread It Out!

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Here's another point.

How often do you find Ellen White encouraging a *limit* on ministry?

What's that all about?

CLICK to highlight “in every city”

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—*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 20, 354

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Notice the “in every city” part. How limited is that?

Do you remember the Sunday morning when the disciples came to Jesus and said that all the people in Capernaum were looking for Him? Remember what He said?

It’s Luke 4:43—“He said to them, ‘I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.’”

Here’s the key—The gospel is best spread by means of a widely dispersed simple demonstration of limited depth, rather than a high-tech, high-finance, highly professional—but extremely localized—presence.

## **Spread It Out!**

**“We must do more than we have done to reach the people of our cities. We are not to erect large buildings in these cities, but over and over again the light has been given that plants should be made in every city of America. We have no time to neglect the doing of this work, which for years has been outlined before us.”**

*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 4, 283*

## **Spread It Out!**

**“In every city there are men and women who would go to a sanitarium were it near at hand, who would not be able to go to one a long way off.... I look at this matter in a very decided light.”**

*—Loma Linda Messages, 53*

**“The Lord’s plan is to have small sanitariums established in many places, so that the greatest number of people, East and West, North and South, can be reached through this means.”**

*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 7, 211*

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**“The sick are to be reached, not by massive buildings, but by the establishment of many small sanitariums, which are to be as lights shining in a dark place.”**

*—Counsels on Health, 211*

**“Our sanitariums are to help to make up the number of God’s people. We are not to establish a few mammoth institutions; for thus it would be impossible to give the patients the messages that will bring health to the soul. Small sanitariums are to be established in many places.”**

*—Medical Ministry, 327*

READ quotes, then...

OK, we’ve seen two ways to help keep the cost down; simple methods, and small sanitariums. Actually, that’s small “anything.” The counsel is the same for vegetarian restaurants, and bakeries, and health food manufacturing places. Keep them small, but have a bunch of them spread out all over the place.

But it’s still going to take some serious cash! Especially when you start talking about “many places,” and “in every city.”

So... what’s the answer?

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## Finances Again (sigh)

**“You are to go into these cities and begin work in a humble way. If we had faithfully followed from the first the instruction regarding city work, means would have come in for us to establish in these places schools and small sanitariums where we could treat the sick, and preach the gospel, and educate the people in Bible truth. We would have had means to sustain all the enterprises for missionary work that we could carry forward.”**

*—General Conference Bulletin, June 4, 1909*

READ text

It's a classic “faith” issue. God says, “You just need to get started doing what I've asked you to do, the **way** I've asked you to do it, and I'll make sure you have what you need to get the job done.”

But, as is commonly the case, there's an unfortunate flip side to this promise.

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## Finances Again (sigh)

**“Do you not know that unless you carry the truth to the cities, there will be a drying up of means?”**

*—General Conference Bulletin, May 24, 1909*

READ text

Here’s my summary on this point:

City work is to be the financial foundation of the loud cry, and to neglect God’s plans in this line is to court financial disaster.

But what if we’ve *already* got financial problems? What if there isn’t even enough money to get started?

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## Finances Again (sigh)

**“Shall we not advance in faith, just as if we had thousands of dollars? We do not have half faith enough. Let us act our part in warning these cities. The warning message must come to the people who are ready to perish, unwarned, unsaved. How can we delay? As we advance, the means will come. But we must advance by faith, trusting in the Lord God of Israel.”**

*—Evangelism, 62*

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That was written in 1909. Adjusted for inflation, “thousands of dollars” comes out more like “hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

This is great! We’re on easy street! We’ve practically got money coming out our ears now.

Not likely.

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The money only comes “as we advance.” And judging from the fact that “we must advance by faith,” I’m guessing that there will be many times when the money isn’t clearly visible ahead of time. But, when needed, and when used correctly, it “will come.”

But... where’s it gonna come from?

## **Finances Again (sigh)**

**“As men and women are brought into the truth in the cities, the means will begin to come in. As surely as honest souls will be converted, their means will be consecrated to the Lord’s service, and we shall see an increase of our resources.”**

*—Evangelism, 89*

Well, that’s one source.

## Finances Again (sigh)

**“Go to these [wealthy] men with a heart filled with love for Christ and suffering humanity, and ask them to help you in the work you are trying to do for the Master. As they see that you reveal the sentiments of God’s benevolence, a chord will be touched in their hearts. They will realize that they can be Christ’s helping hand by doing medical missionary work. They will be led to co-operate with God, to provide the facilities necessary to set in operation the work that needs to be done.”**

*Evangelism, 88*

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This is an example of an interesting relationship that Ellen White mentions repeatedly: the practical work for the poor provides the reason for God’s people to approach the wealthy. Most will probably turn us away, but some will take an interest in our work when they see that we are actually helping those who need help.

In another place, she put it this way:

**“There will no doubt always be difficulty in reaching the higher classes. But the truth will often find its way to the noblemen by first reaching the middle and poorer classes.” —*Historical Sketches*, 166**

## **Finances Again (sigh)**

**“Why do not our people wake up to the peril threatening the men and women in the cities of America? Why are not our churches aroused, and why is there not an earnest call made for volunteers to enter the whitening harvest field?”**

*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 10, 220*

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—*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 10, 220

This isn't a call for money. It's a call for people—volunteers. I think that means that we won't all be filthy rich if we go into metropolitan medical missionary evangelism.

At least not rich in terms of the normal, run-of-the-mill sort of money. Which—in case you haven't been listening to the news lately—doesn't seem to be worth nearly so much anymore, anyway.

## Opinions Vary....

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—Luke 10:3-7

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So... what finally happened with the college? Well, there were a number of complicated issues, and a number of strongly held opinions. Here's one of the more influential opinions. (*Loma Linda Messages*, 305. October 28-31, 1907)

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Why did Daniells say this? Remember, Kellogg had been a huge pain in his neck for the last several years. Kellogg had lied to him (and about him). And Kellogg had gone head over heels into this whole messy “save the drunks and druggies” campaign. Daniells was done with all of that! (Unfortunately, even the good part.) He just wanted a “respectable” medical work for the church...

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A.G. Daniells was human; he had his faults. But he was a better man than I am, so let's keep a little humility here. Besides, I like to think that if he could look back (as we can) over the last century since he made this comment, he might want to revise it some.

In the end, the majority of the brethren saw advantages in associating with the AMA. One exception, I might mention, was the college's business manager—John Burden.

But joining the AMA team wasn't easy. One major hurdle was the matter of a facility for the practical training of the medical students.



The authorities rejected the Sanitarium building (CLICK) as inadequate, so the brethren voted to construct a hospital building (CLICK) at Loma Linda.

After two years, the building was unfinished, behind schedule, over budget—and already rejected by the AMA because it was too far out in the country. It was, in fact, in a tourist area! Right where God said a soul-winning health institution should be. (*Medical Practice and the Educational Program at Loma Linda*, 161; *Hindsight*, 216)

But that didn't make sense from the AMA's perspective. (*Why should they see things our way?*) Los Angeles was the population base; that's where the sick people were. What the college needed, they said, was a 200-bed hospital in downtown L.A.

## The Road We Traveled

**“The Lord has at no time guided in the large plans that have been laid for buildings in Los Angeles. He has given light as to how we should move, and yet movements have been made that are contrary to the light and instruction given.**

**“I was... taken to see this property, and as I walked up the hill in front of it, I heard distinctly a voice that said,...**

This raised questions in the minds of the brethren because of an episode that had happened back in 1901. It seems there had been a proposal to buy some property on Hill Street—then on the outskirts of L.A.—and build a combination sanitarium and vegetarian restaurant.

Ellen White’s counsel was sought, and she was eventually taken to see the property.

She was not impressed.

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## The Road We Traveled

**“Encourage no settlement here of any description. God forbids. My people must get away from such surroundings. This place is as Sodom for wickedness. The place where my institutions are established must be altogether different. Leave the cities, and like Enoch come from your retirement to warn the people of the cities.”**

*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 1, 250*

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That seems pretty clear. Anyone who could misunderstand language like that has to be a total idiot. Right?

Well, you know, if there's one thing I've learned from studying Adventist history, it's the old idea of Hindsight being 20/20. What looks plain as day now, may have been far more confusing at the time.

It is entirely fitting that people like me should be as charitable as possible in their evaluations of the men and women who built the ladder I've been privileged to climb.

So, anyway... what did they make of all this?

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*—The Story of Our Health Message, 398*

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The final result of these consultations, of course, was a 200-bed hospital in downtown Los Angeles. Its construction was authorized in the fall of 1915. It was completed in 1916, and named the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital, in honor of the Lord’s messenger who had died in June 1915.

Over the decades since, the “White” has played a large role in the training of thousands of fully licensed, highly trained and qualified, Seventh-day Adventist physicians. Many of whom have served the Lord selflessly, for which we should all be grateful.

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The Medical Missionary course at Loma Linda did not fare so well. 1923 was the last year it was offered.

Let me be blunt here. I believe we missed a golden opportunity. I think Elder Burden was right. I believe the Lord gave us the chance to establish a new kind of Medical *Missionary* practice—and gain the blessing of the State of California in the process.

But I also believe in the sincerity of the men who voted to do otherwise. And—by the time the final decision was made to pursue full AMA affiliation, perhaps that was the best available option. The Medical Licensing law passed in 1907 only lasted seven years. It was re-written—with far tighter controls—in 1913. That door had closed.

## What if...?

**“We are far behind in doing the work that should have been done in these long neglected cities.... The work will now be more difficult than it would have been a few years ago. But if we take up the work in the name of the Lord, barriers will be broken down, and decided victories will be ours.**

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*—Manuscript Releases, vol. 7, 108*

I believe good men made a poor decision, but I’m in no position to censure them; every one of them was a better man who had given more in service to the Lord than I have.

I believe in their integrity. Consequently, I believe they would be pleased to see us, today, learn from their experience. If they were half the men I believe them to have been, their first interest was in the cause of God, and the work of saving souls.

Which brings us to a particularly poignant comment made by Ellen White.

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What does this mean?

Unless I miss my guess, it’s just a slight re-phrasing of that famous quotation from *Testimonies*, vol. 5.

“Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat.” —*Testimonies*, vol. 5, 81.

Who were the “many lights” that were “going out” back in those years?

I can think of a few.... For starters, you’d have to include... **CLICK**

## What if...?



**John Harvey  
Kellogg**



**Alonzo Trévier  
Jones**



**Ellet Joseph  
Waggoner**



**Albion Fox  
Ballenger**

...Dr. Kellogg

And Ellen White specifically advised [CLICK](#)

A.T. Jones to get away from Kellogg's influence and get into city evangelism. ["Elder A. T. Jones, God calls upon you to go out into the cities, and give the last message of warning." — Letter 187, 1905]

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The story was much the same with [CLICK](#)

E.J. Waggoner. And perhaps we could even include another well known evangelist of the day

[CLICK](#) [A.F. Ballanger](#)

## **And what now...?**

**“When the gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers are not united, there is placed on our churches the worst evil that can be placed there.”**

*—Sermons and Talks, vol. 1, 347*

**“The union of Christlike work for the body and Christlike work for the soul is the true interpretation of the gospel.”**

*—Evangelism, 514*

Well, that was then, and this is now...

Let's go back to a statement we looked at before.

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Now, I would never say that the gospel ministers and the health care workers I've had the privilege of knowing were completely separated, but neither do I believe we've managed to blend these elements the way God wants us to. And that's important!

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Not only is it the “true interpretation of the gospel,” it's a necessity!

## A United Work

**“The gospel ministry is needed to give permanence and stability to the medical missionary work; and the ministry needs the medical missionary work to demonstrate the practical working of the gospel. Neither part of the work is complete without the other.”**

—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, 289

Over the last century we have largely developed along two lines: preaching, and state-of-the-art technical medicine. We’ve already looked at the Lord’s call for a “Medical Missionary” focus on simple methods and common ailments as evangelistic tools, but what about our “Gospel Ministry”?

## And what now...?

**“I have been shown that in our labor for the enlightenment of the people in the large cities the work has not been as well organized or the methods of labor as efficient as in other churches that have not the great light we regard as so essential. Why is this? Because so many of our laborers have been those who love to preach (and many who were not thoroughly qualified to preach were set at work), and a large share of the labor has been put forth in preaching.”**

—*Medical Ministry*, 301

So what's wrong with preaching?

Nothing... if it's part of the whole package of preaching, and teaching, and healing.

But by itself...?

Maybe not so good. After all, Jesus spent more time healing than He did preaching. But does that make it the “worst evil.” How? Why?

Could the problem be that it looks so much like we're doing something that will result in finishing God's work... when, in fact, that approach will never provide the full demonstration of God's love that is needed to finish the work?

**My Conclusions**  
(Take 'em or leave 'em; it's your call....)

**Proclamation is the Explanation  
of the Demonstration**

**Proclamation without Demonstration  
is actually Misinformation**

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So what does all this mean?

I almost hesitate to put my conclusions on the screen. But after running the risk of alienating the whole health care profession for most of the day, I guess it's time to see if I can make myself totally unpopular with *everyone* I want to work with.

So here goes...

CLICK and READ two items.

And—lest anyone be discouraged with all this—our next meeting focuses on some of the positive things that have been done over the years, and the final triumph of Gospel Medical Missionary Evangelism.