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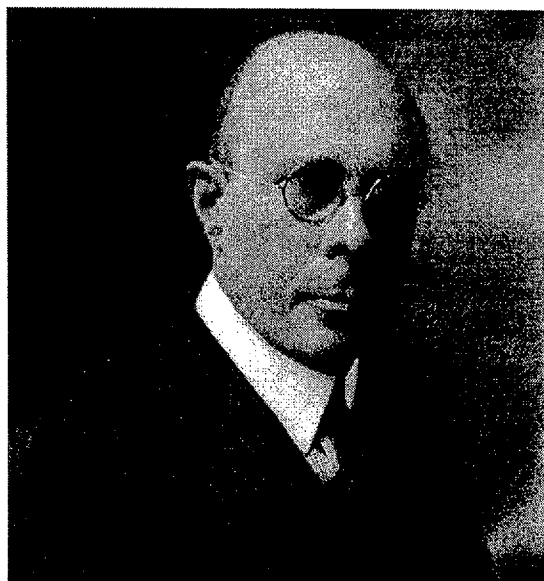
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The Madison connection to Loma Linda

Lida Scott/Percy T. Magan correspondence

1917-1921



Regarding contributions Lida Scott made to the early development of the Los Angeles campus of the College of Medical Evangelists (CME) before she moved to Madison

Also background correspondence in the development of CME

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Prologue

On November 18, 1915, the Seventh-day Adventist Autumn Council in Loma Linda, California decided to upgrade the College of Medical Evangelists from a two-year to a four-year accredited medical school.

Since Loma Linda was then in a predominantly rural area, it meant developing a Los Angeles campus in order to have a patient base sufficient for a physician teaching hospital.

One week later, November 25, 1915, the board elected Percy T. Magan, a cofounder of Madison College near Nashville, Tennessee, dean of the proposed Los Angeles division.

Magan first needed to buy property for the proposed Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital. He asked his close friend, Dr. E.A. Sutherland, with whom he had helped co-found Madison College in 1904, for help in obtaining \$10,000 from one of his major donors, a Mrs. Josephine Gotzian. Dr. Sutherland did so, and with this as seed money, Dr. Magan raised the rest of the money for the property, according to an article Sutherland wrote years later.

Magan then needed to start hospital construction and asked his lifelong friend for more Madison money. "He had persuaded them (the General Conference) to match dollars in the purchase of a site and the erection of necessary buildings," Dr. Sutherland wrote to Dr. Lillian Magan in 1952. "He put our long relationship of over 30 years to the acid test when he told me of the proposition that he had made with the General Conference and saw no way by which he could start his part of getting money without my being willing to allow money that

had been promised Madison to go over to his project to enable him to get the General Conference to loosen up."

In other words, Magan wanted \$30,000 from Lida Funk Scott, heiress to the Funk and Wagnalls fortune. Mrs. Scott had decided to invest her money in developing Madison and its affiliated institutions after seeing its work firsthand in 1914.

"This was a hard request for me to agree to," Sutherland wrote in an article recounting his 60-year relationship with Dr. Magan. "I was convinced that his request was reasonable, and we both went to Mrs. Scott and told her of the great need of help for the College of Medical Evangelists. She hesitated at first but soon saw that the self-supporting work in the South could not prosper without doctors and that there was no way of securing them except for the College of Medical Evangelists and so gave him \$30,000."

During this time, Mrs. Scott was recovering from the death of her daughter and dividing her time between her comfortable home in Montclair, New Jersey, and Madison, which she found helpful in recovering from depression. She ultimately moved to Madison and spent the rest of her life promoting its off campus units. She and Dr. Sutherland always regarded the College of Medical Evangelists as one of their extended "units" because of the need for physicians.

The Scott/Magan correspondence thus reflects the great vision of Dr. Sutherland in seeing Loma Linda as part of the Madison success formula. They also show Mrs. Scott getting satisfaction out of the money she sent to the struggling young medical school and reveal much about individuals dedicated to advancing the work of God.

These letters, taken from the Magan correspondence at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, help chronicle the rise of the Los Angeles campus and thus are an important part of the Loma Linda University heritage.

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Albert Dittes
Portland, Tennessee
June 6, 2002

The letters begin with the need of CME for accreditation

October 15, 1915

Newton Evans, M.D.
President, College of Medical Evangelists
Loma Linda, CA

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6th I beg to advise you that the College of Medical Evangelists Medical Department two-year course is not recognized by this Department and the Medical Department is not recognized to this department as leading to a degree which entitles graduates to our licensing examinations.

Respectfully yours,
Augustus S. Downing
Assistant commissioner for higher education
New York State Department of Education

October 21, 1915

Augustus S. Downing, M.D.
Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education
Albany, NY

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of October 15, which was duly received. If you will pardon my presumption in continuing the correspondence, I should like to ask you for some explanation of the statements of your letter.

First, I do not exactly understand the meaning of the statement "that the College of Medical Evangelists, Medical Department has two year course is not recognized by this department." I cannot understand what is meant by this, as our Medical Department does not conduct any two year course.

Secondly, in regard to the latter part of your statement that our "Medical Department is not recognized to this department as leading to the degree which entitles graduates to our licensing examinations."

If you are able and willing to do so, I should very much appreciate the favor of a statement as to the reasons why our graduates should not be admitted to examination for license in the State of New York.

Very sincerely yours,
Newton Evans
President

November 3, 1915

Dr. Newton Evans
President, College of Medical Evangelists
Loma Linda, California

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 21 in reply to mine of October 15.

I regret that my letter of October 15 was so obscure, incident to the necessity of my employing temporary, inefficient stenographic help.

The College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, is accredited by this Department for two years of medicine. That is, the successful completion of the first three years of the five-year course entitles the applicant to two years' credit for admission on advanced standing to a "registered" medical school. It follows that the successful completion of the first two years of the course can be accorded one year's credit only, and the successful completion of the first year course no credit.

This accrediting was made when the institution was in process of organization and applied to the Regents for registration, June 22, 1912.

The primary reasons why higher recognition could not be given lay in the inability of the institution to meet the Regents requirements of "at least six full time salaried instructors giving their entire time to medical work" and in the lack of suitable clinical facilities for the completion of "a graded course of four full years of college work in medicine."

Other reasons precluding the registration of the school lay in our inability to determine whether it could require for admission the general education preliminary to the study of medicine, prescribed by the New York statute, and the impossibility of making a personal inspection of the institution.

I trust that this fully answers the questions of your letter of October 6 and removes the ambiguities of my reply of October 15.

Very respectfully yours,
Augustus S. Downing

E.A. Sutherland was an early CME supporter. The following letter, written after the decision to upgrade CME and the day before the selection of Percy Magan as dean of the Los Angeles division, shows perhaps why he encouraged Mrs. Scott to give generously to this school.

November 24, 1915

Dr. Newton Evans
Loma Linda, CA

Doctor Magan sent me the memorial presented by yourself to the conference at Loma Linda. I must say that it is certainly a strong presentation of the school and its needs. I can see that the Lord was with you in this. It must have had a good wholesome effect upon the brethren. I have been praying that the Lord would be able to give you people a great victory. God is calling for a reform in the medical work. It is time for it. There are many hundreds of our young people who ought to be prepared as medical missionaries. The world cannot prepare them. Something must be done by our own people to meet the demands made upon us by the Lord for the true medical missionary work. I am glad you have taken your stand as you have. The Lord will bless you, and He will not let any man or set of men defeat you if you stand stiffly for what is right. You may have to pass through hard places, but God will prosper you if you will take your stand on the side of the testimonies. Magan and I have seen that demonstrated over and over again since we have been together in the schoolwork.

We have taken our stand on questions that were clearly set forth by the testimonies, questions which seem to be absolutely impossible to accept by those who do not believe the Testimonies, and we have seen victory simply as the result of believing and acting upon the principles enunciated by the testimonies. To my mind we do not have faith unless we do believe in something that does seem out of reach to the human mind. To believe those things that are perfectly reasonable to those who do not believe requires no faith. But belief in a thing that seems unreasonable to one who does not have faith in God's work and the Testimonies requires great faith. Many of us have very little faith that is genuine. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, and yet I should judge that there are many of our brethren who cannot bring themselves to believe that Loma Linda will succeed. You have the sure word of prophecy to rest your faith upon. So go ahead, trusting God humbly, following where He leads in this great medical reform, and you will see success and victory crowning your efforts.

If at any time I can serve you in this great effort, that you are putting forth, let me know, and it will be a pleasure to do so.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Sutherland

Mrs. Scott apparently started donating money to Loma Linda soon after P.T. Magan was elected Dean of CME (Los Angeles Campus) in 1915.

February 28, 1916

Dr. Newton Evans

Loma Linda, California

I have spent about a week with Mrs. Scott. The brethren in leading positions had given her to understand that the proposition which she made in regard to buying the home for the students in Los Angeles was all off, that Loma Linda could not accept an annuity of any kind. Consequently she made a deal with them and put this money into the General Conference on an annuity plan. However, I don't think we lost much, for really the terms are anything but favorable:--to wit—she let the General Conference have her Pennsylvania Railroad stock, amounting to about \$40,000. They pay her five percent on it as long as she lives, and if she should need some of the principal or all of it at any time, she is to have it. I do not think it would have been a wise thing for us to have taken it on those terms, and those are the best terms she saw her way clear to give to them.

Therefore, I stuck to her for a straight gift of \$5,000, and got it. She is to have it all paid to us before this year is out. Now you may think that this is not much, but it took lots of hard work to get it, and at the same time keep everything going sweet. The interest, which she receives off the Pennsylvania stock, is to be used by Mrs. Scott altogether for the education of youth in our schools and we are to have our share of this from time to time. I will get some of it for Gardner.

As ever,
P.T. Magan

*In designing the White Memorial Hospital, Magan did all he
could to give Mrs. Scott satisfaction.*

September 7, 1916

Dr. Newton Evans
Loma Linda, California

I have received the blue print for dispensary building and hospital. I will write you in a day or two in regard to these. One thing worries me a good deal in regard to the hospital plans. I fear that if we build it upon the plans now suggested that the different units will be so close together that there will not be much light and air circulating between them. Our folks have made this mistake in regard to our new addition to the Sanitarium here at Madison. We have put on an addition on the east side, that is east of the kitchen and running parallel with the covering way which joins the parlor and side room units to the bath room units. This thing is so close to the other building that it looks like a dreary, dark, alley. Above all things let us avoid an effect of this kind.

The more we can build on the cottage plan, the more unique, the more mission California style we can work into it the better. I have had a long talk with Mrs. Scott in regard to this. She is very strong in favor of the cottage plan. Of course I understand that she is not experienced in hospital construction and does not claim to know very much about it. But she is our friend and has given us much money and will do more and we must do all we can to satisfy the friends who are helping us liberally. I may be mistaken about it and it is hard for me to get much of a picture in my mind of what the thing will look like from the floor plan of a building, but in a general way these units look to me to be very narrow and ungainly. Would it not be possible to build something that would be more nearly square in shape? However, I do not want to tie the hands of the men who are on the ground. Am writing you simply my feelings in regard to the matter.

Your brother,
Percy T. Magan

February 15, 1917

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain AVE.
Montclair, NJ

I cannot tell you how pleased I was today to receive your long and very interesting letter of February 8th. Yesterday I dictated a letter to you through Miss Callicott. It may not reach you until after this one does, as she is quite loaded down with work.

I had become quite worried about you, but am so thankful to know that you are much better and still keeping up your treatments and rest hours. This is splendid.

I am so glad you like the plan that our Dispensary is being built on. I have been studying very earnestly the "Testimonies" on the matter of our buildings, and have made a number of interesting notes and extracts. Probably I will have these mimeographed a little later, and if you would like a copy I will be glad to send it to you.

There has been quite an influence at work here to have a large fireproof building put up for the main hospital, but I think I have succeeded absolutely in killing this. There is a statement in the Spirit of Prophecy that no building that we can erect is fireproof, and that putting up structures of this kind speaks against our faith that the Lord is coming soon.

Again, I am sure that building our plant on the cottage plan will give it a much more "homey" appearance than to have one large building, which often fills the patient with horror on account of its general hospital appearance.

In regard to their putting up a cottage for me on the grounds, I am very sure they will not do it, and my plan is not to ask them for any favors for myself. I have got to get by with some big things and let my own affairs take care of themselves the best I can. For this reason I expect I will have to borrow the money and buy a little cottage nearby, for I am determined and am absolutely clear that it is my duty to mother the Los Angeles work and be around with those students and not be off in some place that might be pleasing to myself. Lillian is with me heart and soul in this.

These students have had a kind of a hard time at Loma Linda. The folks here do not on the whole seem to understand the art of dealing with them. We have a godly good woman now in charge of our young women, and I think they all love her, and who manages them without a bit of trouble; but the boys have had a hard time. The crowd here does not seem to get it into their heads that these fellows are about men grown, and that they cannot be ordered around like little six-year-olds, and when they put an ignorant mule-driver of a boss to control them it makes trouble. I want to put them on their honor, and have some simple system of self-government down at Los Angeles, which will not only save a whole lot of money to the institution, but be very much better for the spirituality of the boys and girls.

The Board is to meet here today. I will write you about the meeting when it is over. I do not know whether it will be a troublesome one or not.

I think I told you that we are planning to run school all the year round here at Loma Linda in the future. There is a tendency all the time to overcrowd the students with their book studies. This plan of working the year round is intended to slow that down, and give them physical work which will at the same time help them to earn their way.

I will also write you in regard to our mass meeting in behalf of the Hospital in Los Angeles after it is over.

While I think of it, I am getting a little money in a quiet way for a nucleus for a little library for our nurses and medical students in Los Angeles. At present we do not have as much as one book down there. I wonder if it will be possible for you, when the time comes, to secure us a low price on one of the big Dictionaries which the Funk and Wagnalls Company publishes—the Standard I believe it is. I do not want you to do this if it will be embarrassing for you in any way, but if it can be done I would appreciate being able to save whatever will be saved by the special price you might secure for us. I expect you will think I am a beggar, but as I tell some of them “that’s my business.”

I am sure it is splendid for you having Miss Hibben with you to run the house. I do not know whether I know Miss Coffin or not. Don’t seem to remember. It does me a world of good to know how Mr. Scott is feeling. Please remember me to him. I am so glad that he is taken up with Oberlin’s method of doing missionary work, and that he has begun to take up with vegetarianism and is holding family worship night and morning. This is splendid, and I am sure your prayers and all of our prayers have been answered.

Please give my love to Mr. Scott. He was very, very kind to me when I was in New York last winter.

You will be glad to know that I have an invitation to visit almost all of our denominational colleges and academies before school closes this spring, and talk with them in regard to our medical missionary work. This is a great opportunity, and I am praying that the Lord will give me wisdom to have so much of his spirit in connection with this work that I will be able to interest a large number of young people in it, so I expect I will get down your way before very many months have gone by.

I note that you have deposited \$600 towards establishing a fund for use along the lines which we talked about when you and Dr. Sutherland and I had our last long talk in your room in the Gotzian Hospital building, and that Dr. Sutherland and I may feel free to draw upon it for that purpose, and get others to add to it. I am trying in a quiet way to get a little money for this purpose, but everybody being new out there I have to work my way slowly. You will understand. I will write you more about this whole matter later on, but greatly appreciate what you have done. I will also write Dr. Sutherland in regard to you.

With love from Dr. Lillian, Val and me to you all, and especially to Martha, and with kind regards to Miss Hibben, believe me as ever

Your brother,

P.T. Magan

July 9, 1917

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
C/o Professor S. Brownsberger
Fletcher, North Carolina

Dear Sister Scott—

I will only write you a little in this letter, but will send you under separate cover copy of a letter I am writing to Mrs. Druillard to give you a lot of news in regard to the recent conference meeting at Loma Linda. Will confine myself to business in this, as it will probably make it more convenient and easier for you. And, again, it will not surprise me if Brother Sutherland and I both pay you a visit at Asheville, Wednesday, the 18th.

The facts are, we have had a tremendous time at the meeting at Loma Linda. If ever the Lord led me into anything which worked out showing there were mighty providences back of it, it has been this matter of the base hospital and the Loma Linda summer school and conference. Daniells, Knox, G.E. Thompson, all the leading physicians and business managers of sanitariums on the Pacific Coast, and the heads of the Pacific Press

were present, besides a large concourse of brethren and sisters. The meeting was the most harmonious, the most spiritual, and the most full of courage I have attended in many a long day.

Dr. Sutherland was called upon to present the food question, and it was enthusiastically voted that we recommend to the North American Division Conference that the denomination establish a food commissioner, and that we organize the denomination for food conservation work the country over. We have already organized here on the Pacific Coast, and have begun operations on a big scale.

I was asked to present the matter of the base hospital, and it was unanimously voted that we organize that. Elder Daniells and Dr. Thomason made peace. Sutherland and I have been advised to go to Washington immediately to confer with the government officials on these matters. I leave here Friday afternoon, reaching Nashville Monday evening. Hope to get away Tuesday evening, and it may be, as afore stated, that Wednesday evening we can drive out to your place and see you for a little bit. So no more on this for the present.

I saw Brother Bowen and the Loma Linda treasurer, S.S. Merrill, relative to your matters. I showed Brother Bowen your letter in which you wrote me that you had already sent him an order to hand me \$5,000 which I was to send to the Pacific Press. Brother Bowen could not find this order; neither could Brother Merrill. I then handed them the order for \$13,000, and they have paid me this amount of money, but have not paid me the \$5,000; so if you want to draw out \$5,000 in addition to the \$13,000 I think it would be well for you to either give me when I arrive at your place, or send them another note. I have made up to date the following disposition of the \$13,000:

I re-indorsed to the College of Medical Evangelists one of the checks they gave me in part payment of the \$13,000 in the amount of \$3,000 to cover the \$3,000 which you wanted paid to make up the balance on your gift for the Helen Scott Cottage—White Memorial Hospital. This completes the original \$5,000, and you have also sent me \$1,000 extra, which I will refer to later. I am enclosing with this receipt from the College of Medical Evangelists for this \$3,000.

Of the remaining \$10,000 I have already sent \$5,000 to the Pacific Press Publishing Association with the instruction to send you a note made out for one or two years, whichever suits them best (as I understood you to say that you were not particular as to the length of time for which the note should be drawn.) I have asked them to send this to you by registered mail so in case you leave Fletcher and it follows you over the country it will be safe.

I am writing Brother Quantock, cashier of the College View Bank, today, and asking him to place the remaining \$5,000 on real estate mortgage at six percent if he can get that amount.

I am enclosing in this two receipts for you to sign. These Brother S.S. Merrill, the treasurer of the College of Medical Evangelists, has need for because of the fact that the promissory notes which cover the \$13,000 which you paid him are locked up in the bank at Montclair, and you cannot return them to him for endorsement or cancellation. If you will kindly sign these and return them to S.S. Merrill, I will appreciate it.

I am also enclosing in this check of the College of Medical Evangelists #7174, on First National Bank of Redlands, in favor of Lida F. Scott, in the amount of \$93.05, together with receipt for that amount, which Brother Merrill asks that you will sign and return to him. I understand that this is the payment of interest to June 30th on note dated April 23, 1916.

Now, if I have not made all of these matters clear I will endeavor to do so when we meet. It may be that if I do not get to see you on my way to Washington I may be able to stop there on my way back.

Concerning the \$1,000 which you sent me for the Helen Scott Cottage account, and which Dr. Lillian acknowledged while I was still in the East, I am this day sending Brother Bowen my check for \$600 of the same, and will send him the balance as he needs it. I am handling it this way so that if there should be a little bit over from the building itself, I will have it for furnishings. If I turn it all over to him and there should be some over it would probably be thrown into the general hospital account.

Pardon this very hasty note.

Believe me, as ever

PTM/W

P.S. I am sending you a copy of a letter I wrote Elder I.H. Evans relative to the base hospital matter. When you have finished with it kindly return it to me, as it is my file copy.

P.T.M.

At the time of this correspondence, Lida Scott was recovering from personal tragedy. Her daughter, Helen Gertrude Scott, died July 28, 1914 at the age of 17. She later wrote in the March, 24, 1920, edition of the Madison Survey that she went to Tennessee in August, 1914 "after I had experienced a great loss and was seeking for something of absorbing interest to soften and sweeten the sorrow." She found that in the work of Madison and dedicated herself to supporting it financially. Since Madison needed physicians, she also supported Loma Linda.

22 Upper Mountain AVE
Montclair, NJ
July 6, 1917

Doctor Percy T. Magan
1808 New Jersey ST
Los Angeles, California

My dear Doctor Magan:

I suppose you have been having great meetings at Loma Linda. We have remembered you and Dr. Sutherland and the Red Cross Summer School and the work which you are trying to accomplish every day in our prayers, and are eager to hear from you about your experiences.

I told Mr. Scott about the Helen Scott Cottage and showed him the plans. He seemed quite interested until he saw that it belonged to the White Memorial group. Then he objected strongly to my having Helen's name linked to that of a plagiarist, which Doctor Kellogg told him Mrs. White was. At first he commented that "Helen Gertrude Scott," and not "Helen Scott," ought to be put on the building if the name be inscribed there at all. They can call it the Helen Scott Cottage for short, of course, but her full name should be given. I am sorry this little incident in regard to Mrs. Ellen G. White's name should have stirred up all the old prejudice, but see nothing to do but to go quietly ahead and trust the Lord to help him to see the matter in a different light. I believe he will in time.

As to my investments, I am sending to you today two notes on Loma Linda representing \$10,000 each. You can have Brother Bowen fix a new note for \$2,000 as you draw out the money to the amount of \$18,000; \$5,000 for the Pacific Press, \$3,000 for Helen Gertrude Scott Cottage, and \$10,000 for my other investments at College View. Would it not be a good plan to invest about \$1,000 in city property at about 7 percent at College View, and the other \$9,000 in farm loans not more than \$2,000 in each place? Have received a letter from Bro. Quantock explaining to me about these securities which impressed me as being very desirable. He writes, "On making farm loans at 5 percent we charge to borrower a small commission so that we would charge you \$10,000 to cover our time in looking after it. This would cover attorney's opinion as to title and incidents." Does this mean that I am charged ten dollars for each separate loan, or for all of them put together? Would it not be a good plan for you to draw out the remaining \$10,000 at Loma Linda and bank it at the Bank of College View until it is all loaned? I think it best to let you and Brother Schee use your judgment in making these loans if you have time to bother with it. If not, let me know, and I will do the best I can. I thank you so much for the information your letter contained and for all the trouble you took in inquiring of Bros. Schee and Quantock.

We are home again. I wish you could have seen how beautiful our grounds look this year with nearly 150 rosebushes in bloom, and a score of climbing roses of different varieties.

Mr. Scott's vegetable garden is blossoming, not like the rose, but only as potatoes, radishes, legumes, etc., can blossom. We planted about a pint of peas and have already picked over a bushel in the pods; everything else seems to be thriving proportionately. Mr. Scott is delighted with his first attempt.

Have received a fine long letter from Shaen, and all seems to be going well at Knoxville. After this course I suppose he will be moving on to Loma Linda. Can you let me know definitely what college expenses will be each year so that I can plan accordingly? In the present emergency I have been paying his railroad expenses and carfare which I will continue to do until he reaches Loma Linda. Then it was my proposition to pay only his tuition, board and books. Of course it will be necessary for me to pay for his board and room while at Loma Linda. While at Los Angeles is it your plan that he lives with you, and you furnish his room and board? How much then will be my part of the expenses? This information I should like to have and keep on file for future reference, as I must be sure that I make no larger promises than I can fulfill. I think we should be very clear so that we will each know what to expect. It has been, and will be a pleasure to educate Shaen medically, and I want you to feel that it is none the less so because I feel that the understanding on both sides should be definite. Shaen will then be able to make his plans, as he will know just what is to be expected of him. From past experience I believe we can count on him to do his part well.

Why do you suppose those people at Washington wanted to know whether or not I was at Madison? Brother Enoch, who has been very urgent for more than a year that I should increase my donation to Washington College, went to Madison himself about that time. It was a curious coincidence though I do not suppose the two incidents were at all related. Our leading men are beginning to wonder what there is at Madison to so powerfully hold the people's interest, and I suppose they think they must go there to find out. Well, they will find out, if they are in earnest and will stay long enough.

I am doing fine these days. I am having no treatments, and am sleeping more naturally at night than I have done since last September, but I find I cannot attempt taking any responsibility. Miss Hibben carries the responsibilities of home for me most admirably, and insists she will not leave me until I am able to resume them. It is lovely of her to do this, but I am not sure that I am doing right to permit her to do so.

I am so glad Doctor Lillian is getting along so nicely. Please give her my love. With love to Val, and kindest regards to yourself.

Your sincere friend,

Lida F. Scott

LGS/MC

22 Upper Mountain AVE.
Montclair, NJ
July 9, 1917

Doctor Percy T. Magan
1808 New Jersey ST
Los Angeles, California

Dear Doctor Magan:

I have been thinking it over about the Helen Scott Cottage and I have come to the conclusion that it would be better not to connect Helen's name with this cottage at all so long as Mr. Scott feels as he does about it. I told him I was going to write to you to do this, and it pleased him so much that I feel much better myself to have this change made. I told him that I would ask them at Madison to make the change in regard to the operating room if he so desired, but he seemed to feel that her name was all right there. We cannot blame him, for I know how I should feel to have her name connected with that of Mrs. Eddy or anyone else of whom I do not approve.

Very sincerely your sister,

Lida F. Scott

LFS/MC

Her husband, Robert Scott, never became a Seventh-day Adventist. According to the Madison Survey, he died April 15, 1946 at Madison Hospital, almost a year after the death of Lida Scott. His obituary said he was financial secretary of the Church of the Strangers in New York City as well as a teacher, author and lecturer. He also was connected with Funk & Wagnalls for a number of years. The CME administration changed the name of the cottage to Montclair Cottage, which later housed medical offices on the White Memorial Hospital complex.

22 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair, NJ
July 17, 1917

Dr. Percy T. Magan
General Conference

Takoma Park, D.C.

Dear Doctor Magan:

Have just sent Brother Merrill an order for the additional \$5,000 and I am asking him to send you a check for that amount. Your letter of July 9 enclosing copy of letter to Elder Evans, and two for July 12 including copies of letters to Mr. S.J. Quantock and S.S. Merrill came, but the copy of the letter to Sr. Druillard which you said you are sending to me, has not yet come. Probably your stenographer will send it later. We are looking forward eagerly to the news it contains.

Thank you for your kind words of appreciation for the interest I have taken in Shaen, which I assure you is more than counterbalanced by all the kindnesses and timely help I have received from you and Dr. Sutherland and other Madison friends. I can never tell you how much help I have received spiritually, physically, mentally and the encouragement you have brought to me at times when I did not understand the meaning of what I was passing through. I want you and Dr. Sutherland to understand that I never can express my gratitude, so whatever I can do in return seems to me but a small return.

Enough until I see you here. We are looking forward to your coming, and feel sure that you will come if the Lord so leads. I feel impressed that the time is ripe for you to help Mr. Scott. There are no other men in the denomination who I feel can handle this situation as tactfully as you both can. You are true brothers.

I have just written a letter to Shaen. I do hope he is choosing wholesome food. With all the work he is trying to do that is essential, as you know and have probably advised him. I put in a word or two on this also. I trust he is well by this time.

Kindest regards to Dr. Sutherland. Have written you a card previous to this in care of Review and Herald, which you have probably received.

Very sincerely your friend and sister

Lida F. Scott

LFS/MC

**Shaen was one of three sons of Percy T. Magan. He married Ida May Bauer June 14, 1892. They had two sons: Wellesley Percy, born August 7, 1893, and Shaen Saurin, born September 24, 1896. His first wife died May 19, 1904. After moving to Madison in 1904, Magan married Dr. Lillian Eshleman August 23, 1905. They had one son, Val O'Connor, born January 19, 1912.*

August 2, 1917

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair, NJ

Dear Sister Scott:

Brother S.J. Quantock, cashier of the College View Bank, College View, Nebraska, sent me a letter regarding your matters, addressed to Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. This was reforwarded to me here. I am inclosing it herewith, as I thought you ought to have it.

You will notice that it states that they will place your money for you without expense to you. This is perfectly proper; they make plenty off the one who is borrowing the money; and I do not think they ever get anything out of the one loaning the money—unless they can, which is not very often.

You will also notice what he says in regard to the limitation of \$2,000 in one place, --that it will mitigate against being able to loan the money quickly, as people in his locality deal in large amounts. My counsel to you would be not to put this restriction on him. These farm loans are the safest investment outside of the Third Angel's Message in the world today, and the larger the farm, as a rule, the safer it is on the matter of the loan secured by first mortgage. Therefore, if you feel to take off this restriction, I think it would be well for you to write Brother Quantock concerning the matter.

When you are finished with his letter, you can return it to me to Los Angeles for my files—if you will please.

Shaen is a little better today, but still far from out of the woods. He is terribly weak, and his heart is getting badly worn. He keeps of good courage, however, although at times he is quite stuporous and not at all like himself. His nurse says that he is the most patient patient she has ever looked after. He loves to have me read the Bible to him and pray with him. We can never thank you enough for all your kindness to him and to us.

I cannot write you as much along this score now as I would like, as I am trespassing on someone else's time to help me write, but will do so at length as quick as I get back to Los Angeles.

I am so glad that Dr. Sutherland was able to pay you a visit. I have very much to write you concerning the Council at Washington as soon as I can get opportunity to do so. We had a terrible time there after Dr. Sutherland left, and God only knows what the end will be.

I am also enclosing in this letter which I received from Brother H.C. Childs, the treasurer of the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Mountain View, California. When you have read this, you may return it to me at Los Angeles, if you please, for my files. It gives you a good idea of what these folks are trying to do. They are earnest people, and have a heart to push the Message—vastly more so than the Review and Herald; and I am sure your loan to them will be appreciated, and will do good.

With much love to you all, believe me as ever,

Your old friend and brother,

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22 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair, NJ
August 5, 1917

Doctor P.T. Magan
Madison, Tennessee

Dear Doctor Magan:

Your letter of August 2nd came this morning. I am writing Brother S.J. Quantock today that I am willing to trust his judgment as to the place and amount of investments. I am enclosing copy of my letter to him. I have not written to him before this as I left it for you to do. He says in the letter, "Whatever loans are made will be made direct to Mrs. Scott if she desires, or we will make them to the bank and then assign them to her." Which do you think will be the better way for me to have them do? I suppose if they are made to the bank the bank would look after them, so there would be less trouble for me. In that case I suppose they would keep the mortgage documents and simply send me a statement. I am perfectly willing that Brother Quantock should loan \$4,000 or even more on one farm if it seems best to him. Thank you for the letter you enclosed and for your interest in my investments. Thank you for your kindness in getting them to make these loans without any expense to me. Of course I am willing to do the right and proper thing. I am leaving this to your judgment. When I finish with Brother Quantock's letter I will send it on to Los Angeles for your file, and also the one from the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

I am glad Shaen is getting along, though I must say that I got the idea from the letter he wrote me that he was almost well. I knew if that was so that it was a miracle. If he could only believe that these disappointments which he suffers from time to time are a

part of our preparation for the real work for which we are in training, they would be easier to understand and to bear. Tell Shaen I will write to him in a few days.

I shall look forward to your letter telling me about your experiences with the brethren at Washington and also the summer school at Los Angeles with deep interest. It seems so strange that our Washington brethren are so fearful of the Mark of the Beast in this matter while all the time they are getting the Mark of the Beast in the system of education they are adopting. Dr. Sutherland just dropped us enough of a hint for us to know they were afraid they would get the Mark of the Beast if they established a base hospital. Aside from this he gave us no information whatever as we expected you in a few days, and, as I had not had a very good sleep the night before, I did not put to him any questions on this subject. I am sorry now I didn't. I was very glad to have Dr. Sutherland meet Mr. Scott, and we were glad to get that glimpse of him ourselves.

I pray that Shaen will improve rapidly from henceforth. Give him my best regards.

Sincerely your sister,

Lida F. Scott

P.S. Have just received your last letter. Was sorry to hear that Shaen looked so thin and poorly, and hope he will soon improve rapidly.

My, I do hope the time will soon come when the best of our people will rise up and refuse to be led by men who have no vision, and who do not stand true to educational and medical reforms. I thank God that you and Dr. Sutherland have the courage of your convictions.

Am glad to hear that Elder Daniells is standing true.

That letter from Shaen to me was not written by the nurse. It was in Shaen's own handwriting and slanted showing that it was written by a sick boy.

August 14, 1917

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair, NJ

Dear Sister Scott:

I find your letter of July 9th awaiting me on my return from Washington. I have very, very much to write you, and in a few days will write you a long letter, but can only send you a line at the present time.

Shaen was considerably improved when I left. At least he was sufficiently so that I felt free to leave. It will be some time, however, before he is fit to move.

Forgive me for not writing you more at the present time, but I will have to get things going here before I take up the matter of long letters like this.

I note what you say relative to the matter of the name of the Helen Scott Cottage. I am very sorry that we cannot call the building by that name, but we will most certainly comply with your wishes and Mr. Scott's. In a way, however, I fear it will be hard to unchristen it now that it has already been christened. It has been known on our books and in our general conversation around here among the teachers and students as the Helen Scott Cottage, and the name is pretty well fixed in everybody's mind. I will have to see what I can devise in the line of a name for it, and then I will write you. Possibly you may have some suggestion for me.

In great haste, and with love to everybody, believe me, as ever.

Your friend and brother,

PTM:W

August 21, 1917

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair, NJ

Dear Sister Scott:

I have your letter of August 6th and note that you have written Brother S.J. Quantock, telling him that you are willing to trust his judgment as to the place and amount of the investments he makes for you.

Relative to your question concerning the statement in Quantock's letter to you—"Whatever loans are made will be made direct to Mrs. Scott, if she desires, or we will make them to the bank and then assign them to her"--my judgment is that it is immaterial which way this is done. If I should express any preference in the matter I think it would be to have the loans made direct to you.

I am sending Brother Quantock \$5,000 for your account in this mail, with instructions to invest it according to the general instructions he has previously received from both you and me.

I hope to have a photograph of your cottage for you very soon. It is really a beautiful building, and I am only sad that we cannot use your daughter's name on it. We expect now in a few days to start erecting the first unit of the hospital proper. The Lord is certainly wonderfully blessing us in this matter.

Sunday I went down to Anaheim to the camp meeting, and had a long visit with Elder Daniells. He feels the present situation amongst our brethren at Washington very, very keenly. He feels there is no vision amongst them, no big desire to do great things for God and His cause, and a wretched, visionless policy, which will never get us anywhere.

Now I will endeavor to tell you a little in regard to my visit to Washington. I left here the 13th of July and went to Nashville. There Dr. Sutherland and I met, and found rather a complicated state of affairs in regard to our brethren and service in the army. The governor of the state took the ground that if we did anything for the government, such as nursing the sick; we were in so doing waiving our right to the exemption, which the law gives in bearing arms. The governor was quite stirred up about the matter and seemed determined to force us to bear arms.

In this emergency our old friend, Dr. E.M. Sanders, came to our rescue. He is a member of the Governor's staff, and I suppose the best friend we have in the city of Nashville. He became quite angry with the Governor, and told him he intended to go to Washington himself and look into the matter, so when Sutherland and I were ready to go, Dr. Sanders came along with us.

I don't know whether I have ever told you how it was that Dr. Sanders became interested in us in the first place. It was when Dr. Sutherland and I were attending the Medical College of the University of Tennessee. I passed 100 on the mid-term examination in Anatomy, which subject he taught. He only gave me 91, making a statement to the class that he withheld the higher grade because I had not attended on Sabbath. A number of the men in the class became angry with him for this, and they had a pretty hard set-to over it. When I heard about it I went to see him, and told him that what he had done was perfectly all right with me, that I was very thankful to get through at all, and had no criticism to make on the way he had done. He seemed very much touched, and that was the beginning of a friendship, which has lasted until the present time.

When we arrived in Washington we went to see the Representative in Congress from our district in Tennessee, Mr. Joseph Burns. He was exceedingly kind to us, and took the ground that Governor Rye did not know what he was talking about, but that in order to make sure of the whole matter he would see that we had an interview with General Crowder, who is Provost-Marshall General of the army. He also advised us, if possible, to see the Attorney General of the United States.

We went to see the Attorney General. While waiting in the outer office one of the assistant attorneys attached to his staff whom we knew, came and told us we would never get to see him; 'that thousands of people came there to see him and were not admitted, and that he never talked to anyone on matters of business beside the President of the United States and his cabinet. Just as this attorney was talking to us, the chief clerk came out and said, "Attorney-General Gregory will see the gentlemen from Tennessee at 4:30 this afternoon," and at 4:30 we saw him and spent over an hour with him, got all the information we wanted, and a complete vindication of our rights.

The way in which we came to get in to see him, to me, one of those providences which God arranges from a long way back. When General Gregory was a very poor and very green boy, at the close of the Civil War, he came from the State of Mississippi to Clarksville, Tennessee. In that little burg there was at that time a law school of quite a little renown in the South. He had just money enough to pay his tuition, but not one cent for board and room. Wandering around the town wondering what he could do, someone told him of a very hospitable and godly woman who might possibly give him his board and room—a Mrs. Hattie Kendrick. Boy like, he took a chance, and went to see her, and told her his story and how anxious he was to obtain an education in the law. She listened to him graciously, and after hearing his tale said, "Well, my boy, I will give you your board and room as long as you are in the law school and provided you will give me your promise always to be early in the evening, never to smoke or drink or use bad language and every Sunday to accompany me and my daughters to church." Gregory looked up and said, "Miss Hattie, I will most certainly do all that you ask, and be deeply grateful; and, at the same time, I want to tell you that you are the most beautiful woman I have ever laid eyes on." To which this gracious Southern dame replied, "If you ever make that remark again, I will put you out of the house and never let you come back in again." Mrs. Hattie Kendrick was, and though she is now past 70 years of age, still is a most beautiful woman, and one of the most noble souls I have ever known. Attorney-General Gregory raves over her beauty to this day. Whenever he is in the South he goes to see her, and feels that his great success in life has been largely due to the kindness which she showed him in the early days.

But Mrs. Hattie Kendrick is the mother of Dr. Sanders' wife, and that is where we become connected up with the story. When Mrs. Sarah Sanders, E.M. Sanders' wife, sent her mother a telegram telling her that her husband and Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Magan wanted to see the Attorney-General, Mrs. Hattie Kendrick immediately sent him a telegram asking him if he would not, for the sake of his old friend and benefactress, see her friends from Tennessee. This is how we came to see the Attorney General.

We also had an excellent visit with Mr. Hoover. From him we learned that practically all the other denominations in the land were already organized and taking hold of the food work to the best of their ability. He was very glad to know that we were interested in the matter too. He told us that he would meet our leading men any time we set the hour. We left, promising to make proper arrangements with our people and to notify him later.

The next day we had an interview with General Crowder, in which he promised that our youth should be exempt from bearing arms provided that as a denomination we could show to his credit that we were entitled to the exemption. He was very gracious to us, and seemed interested in us.

I also had two or three long visits with Dr. Franklin Martin, concerning whom you have heard me speak before. He again expressed himself as deeply desirous that we should get the hospital unit underway as soon as possible. We waited and listened to the angry speeches that came thick and fast.

Then we went out to Takoma Park. Elder Daniells had not yet arrived. Dr. Sutherland saw Elder I.H. Evans and had a brief talk with him. I had a bad foot and did not accompany Dr. Sutherland on this visit. Elder Evans was very bold, and seemed absolutely without interest in anything that we were doing or trying to do, so Sutherland did not waste much time with him. Dr. Sanders had desired to meet our leading men, so as Daniells was not there, and Evans was as cold as the iceberg that sank the Titanic, Sutherland promptly decided not to bring Sanders out to Takoma Park as he did not think the reception would be a very interesting one.

Finally Daniells came. We told him all that we had done, and he was very much pleased, and told us to go ahead and arrange for the meeting with Hoover and he would see Elder Evans. We did this, arranging for 10 o'clock of the following Tuesday morning. Early Monday we notified Elder Daniells to this effect, and he told us it was all right and that he would see Elder Evans.

That afternoon a meeting of all the leading brethren in Takoma Park was held, at which we were present. Elder Daniells related the story of the good meeting we had had at Loma Linda, and spoke very highly in regard to our physicians and the medical work that was being done. He told the different steps that had led up to the idea of forming the base hospital, and also in regard to the food matter, and how Sutherland had been appointed Food Commissioner of the State of Tennessee.

It was easy to see while he was talking that the crowd was not pleased. He wound up by telling them that an appointment had been made with Hoover the next morning at 10 o'clock; and then the storm bell rang, and the curtain arose on quite a troubled scene. I.H. Evans said that he did not care to meet Mr. Hoover; that he did not believe in chasing after noted men; that if he wanted to live health reform he could live it without Hoover's help. Spicer came next with a speech, stating that he thought we ought not to go and see Hoover at all, at least not until after all the brethren had come in from around the country and decided whether they wanted to see him. Upon this someone else piped up and said it was a shame the appointment had been made, but now that it was made they would not know what to do, for if they told Hoover they would not meet him the next day, and then counseled over the matter and decided they would not meet him at all, they would be in a bad fix with the Government, whereas if they should go according to our appointment, their pride would be woefully hurt.

I was about to make a speech when Sutherland kicked me two or three times, and told me to shut up, adding, "They've got to go, Magan, they've got to go. Watch them wriggle, but see them come." So I kept my mouth shut, and we waited and listened to the angry speeches that came thick and fast.

Evans said that we had not consulted him about the matter, and he did not know what business it was of ours anyway, but he supposed he would have to go; so finally they voted to go.

The next morning Sutherland and I had to go downtown early and see Dr. Franklin Martin. I had wind of it that Evans and his friends were stating that they had a letter from the Red Cross saying that if we did organize a hospital for France we would have to pay all salaries all the time the organization was over there, as the government would not do it. I knew this was wrong, so I asked Martin to write me a letter to that effect, which he did, letting me dictate just what I wanted, and he signing it.

Then we went over to Hoover's office. Mr. Cullen, who has charge of the work among the churches, was there, and we told him that the brethren would all be there by 10 o'clock. Cullen was very pleased. We told him we had had quite a hard time with them, and laughed about it together. Then he showed me the big committee room where we were to meet, and said, "Now, I want you to sit beside me and tell me whom to call on for speeches amongst your people."

Soon the brethren trooped in, 37 in all, and took their places all around the room. Then in came Mr. Hoover and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford University, and chief man under Hoover in the Food Administration matter. Both of these men made excellent speeches. As soon as I copy off the notes I made from them I will send you copies of the same, as I am sure you will enjoy them. You know Hoover is a Quaker, and is really an exceedingly interesting personage.

When these speeches were over, Hoover and Wilbur went out, and Cullen asked me whom he should call on to offer prayer. I naively told him to call upon Elder I.H. Evans, which he promptly did, and Evans had to call upon the Lord to bless the meeting, which he had been cursing for the last 24 hours. Then Cullen made an excellent talk, telling us of his knowledge of our people, of his interest in us, and how Hoover had told him that he, Hoover, knew that we were non-combatants and that we ought to be especially interested in the food business. Cullen told how he would like us to appoint a food commissioner of our own as a denomination, and have the chairman of it spend a while with him in his office in Washington getting on to the way they were doing things.

Then I told Cullen to call on Evans for a speech, which he did, and once again Baalam had to bless that which he had cursed. Next I told Cullen to call on Elder Daniells, who made an excellent talk, full of feeling and pathos. Mr. Hoover in his speech had made the point to us that we were not helping to kill Germans, but to feed poor old men and women and little children. He said that there was no question but that the ar-

the armies would be fed, and that the service we effected would be a blessing to these poor people.

That afternoon the first meeting of the council of the brethren took place at Takoma Park. Elder Evans gave an excellent talk, telling about the troubles and trials in which our people were and advocating that we do all in our power to work with the government in every way possible. He then called on me to tell what Sutherland and I had done in meeting government officials in Washington. This I did, but I saw very clearly as I went along that it was not setting very well with the Washington magnates.

When I finished Elder F.M. Wilcox talked, telling in a gentle and quiet manner how he was afraid we would get entangled with the government; and after that Spicer made a similar talk; and then W.W. Prescott turned loose, and declared that we must not do anything to work with the government in any way whatsoever; that he was opposed to our taking hold of the food conservation; opposed to a base hospital; he accused us of forcing ourselves on the government; declared that to do anything would be to make an image to the beast, and unite church and state. He read from a letter I had written someone in which I stated that Major Kirby-Smith, of the Red Cross, had told me that the government did not want any more base hospitals, and he accused me of trying to give them something they didn't want. In the same paragraph in that letter I had written how Dr. Franklin Martin, the chairman of the Medical Section of the Council on National Defense, had told me that they did want a base hospital from us; but Prescott did not read that part.

The next morning I.H. Evans opened up with a very violent speech. He accused Daniells, Thompson, Knox and myself of pretty nearly every crime in the Decalogue. He declared to do anything to assist the government in this crisis was to violate every principle we as a denomination had ever held in regard to the separation of church and state. He charged us with having bad motives, and of courting the favor of noted men. He, by a wonderful process of asinine mathematics, figured out that we would have to furnish 200 men and women a month to run the hospital, and then he informed us that the government would not pay the salaries of the personnel of the hospital. Then he told us that Sister White had said in the days of the Civil War, that the generals of the armies were under the control of the devil, and that if we entered into this hospital proposition we would be under the control of generals, and consequently under the control of the devil. Then he stated that I had told him that we could not preach the message in the hospital unless we did it on the sly. Then he added, "Who wants to send their daughter to that immoral hell to act as a nurse, when the only result would be that she would lose her virtue?" Then he banged his book shut, and said, "Now we are done with this thing, and we won't consider it any more."

Immediately Flaiz took the floor, and gave a discourse on corsets, high heels, and low-necked frocks. Just exactly what this performance had to say to food conservation and base hospitals I don't know, but his great burden seemed to be for women's clothes. For an hour and a half he talked that stuff.

When he got through Will White demanded the floor, and after a recess had been taken, obtained it. He began by stating that at first when he heard of the base hospital proposition he had been opposed to it, but that all the arguments he had heard against it at this meeting had converted him to it, and that he sincerely hoped that it would go through; but that in view of the fact that a great many charges had been made, thought that either Elder Daniells or I ought to make an apology or a confession.

Daniells nodded me to go on, so I began my confession of faith.

I started in by telling them that the whole performance reminded me of a time when Elder S.N. Haskell had made a contract with the British Government in South Africa by which they were to give the Seventh-day Adventist church 6,000 acres of land on condition that we would start a mission on it to civilize and Christianize the natives. How that at the General Conference of that year in Battle Creek A.T. Jones, Prescott, and others had stormed and raved, and said he was violating every sacred principle of church and state, and had gotten the conference to vote that we should not accept the land; and how afterwards a testimony had come from Sister White saying that their views on church and state were clouded and needed a vision, and that God always had men in high places in governments to befriend his people and help them in their work. I told Evans and Prescott that in my judgment they were doing precisely the same thing that had been done there.

Then I took up the accusation that I had been running after noted men, and told the story of how we had come to know Claxton, Gregory and Martin. I showed how that in each case it had been a providence of God that had thrown us in the way of these men, and that the time might come when men who were not shouting so loudly against acquaintances with prominent men might be mighty thankful to have a few friends among them in high circles. I showed how the Lord had done this all through the days of the Bible; how He had raised up Cyrus, Nebuchadnezzar and other men to befriend the people of God in a time of need.

Then I went into the motives that prompted us to take up the matter of the base hospital; and how that there were (remainder of letter missing)

September 21, 1917

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair, NJ

Dear Sister Scott:

I was very pleased indeed to receive your very kind letter on the 12th. Do not feel that it was any task for me to send you such a long letter about affairs in Washington at the time of our meeting there. I feel that you have done so much to help real true medical

missionary work along that we owe you a great deal more than any little remembrance like this. It certainly was a great experience. I am telling our students in our Bible class now for a few days the bright parts of the story, and we are having great times together.

We are getting our self-government plan started here with the medical and medical evangelistic students, and it is going well. Of course, a great deal of educational work will have to be done, and it will take time, but it is working in a manner for which I feel very thankful.

I will always feel that the Lord wonderfully worked for us with the government officials in Washington. Elder Daniells feels the same way. I am sure you are right when you say that God is not discouraged with us. He has planned things years in advance in raising up friends for us in this crisis, and if we will be true to Him and His principles he will demonstrate this more and more.

Shaen is still with us. Will commence his work at Loma Linda I think in November. He is anything but strong yet, but is getting better. I have said nothing to him about money matters. We will just let that rest for the present, and I will write you later on, if this is agreeable to you. As I wrote you before, I will pay his bills at Madison. I don't want you to do that, much as I appreciate your great kindness in offering to do so. I have a note against Brother Kloss for some furniture that I sold him when I left Madison that Mrs. Druillard is going to take and collect for me. This may not pay all the bill, but it will pay quite a part of it. I do not want to get into the habit of making myself believe that you must do everything for Shaen. You have been very kind to all of us, but I want to do my bit in taking care of my own family and educating them. I know you will appreciate how I feel about this. In other words, I want to lift every penny of the load that I can.

I don't understand why you have not heard from Quantock in regard to the \$5,000. I sent the check to him the 27th of August. I have written him about the matter.

You will be interested to know that one of the leading physicians of the city was here day before yesterday and went through your cottage, and was so pleased with it. He talked with me at least an hour about our whole dormitory system, about our plan for boarding our students, etc.

I am glad for what you say about Mr. Scott. I don't (think it would) be possible ever to really get the name of Helen Scott away from that cottage. Of course, we will not mark it on it or anything of that kind, but it has got started, and I think in spite of everything I can do, it will stick. I am so glad to know that Mr. Scott is going with you to Madison. I don't know whether I will be there or not. I am trying to get the Woodworth will case set for trial about the same time. If this is done I can attend both, but if not, I cannot go to Madison.

I wonder if you would be willing to let us have \$100 of the fund money for use as a little capital for our boarding hall here. This is our situation: The Loma Linda people

have told us that we must run our own boarding establishment here. They furnished us no capital to run it on. The students, and a few of our teachers, are trying to run it on somewhat of our Madison plan, only, of course, the Madison school always financed it for the students there. Dr. Sutherland has been very interested in our idea of running it entirely ourselves without the school putting up the money. It gives the students a great training; but you can imagine something of our predicament when I tell you that the authorities at Loma Linda not only furnished us no capital, but they canned no fruit for us, or made any provision for our welfare this winter, and now we have to go on to the open market and buy everything and pay hard cash for it. We have no farm or garden here as we have at Madison. The students are entering very heartily into the plan, and are doing the very best they can. We have a boarding committee of two faculty members and four students. I am permanent chairman of the committee. At a meeting of the student body the other evening, it was voted to ask Dr. E.H. Risley, of Loma Linda, to outline some food experiments for the students.

The trouble with us now is to pay our help, pay our current bills, and have any money with which to buy up a little fruit while it is cheap and can it up. My idea is that if I can get hold from a few sources of a few hundred dollars we will have a little capital to do this on, and then we will always keep that money together, either have it in the bank, or in real food in our inventories. I wish you would talk this matter over with Brother Sutherland when you are at Madison, if I do not get there, and if you both feel free, I would like this very much. Things are terribly high here now, and we are having a hard time to get this matter going. The other morning we went down to the market at four o'clock and bought a lot of peaches cheap, and then in the evening had a canning bee to can them up, everyone donating his time. That sounds like some of our Southern experiences, doesn't it?

The government has exempted our second, third, and fourth year medical students, so Wellesley is safe. We do not know yet how it is going to be about the first year.

With much love to you all, believe me, as ever,

PTM/W

22 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair, NJ
January 25, 1918

Doctor Percy T. Magan
1808 New Jersey Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Doctor Magan:

Your letter of December 24th giving so many interesting details, I assure you was much enjoyed. I appreciate the trouble you take in these busy and anxious days. Surely the days spoken of by Sister White, when every soul will have to meet its test alone, are hastening on apace. It is encouraging to read your personal experiences as to how the Lord takes care of the consequences when you take Him at His word, and how He guards His children from the devices of Satan.

Mr. Scott had a conversation with Dr. Kellogg in New York, having had him out to lunch, in which Dr. Kellogg said the standard of Loma Linda would never be raised, and that the Medical Association would never stand for a denominational medical college; so when Mr. Scott brought the information home I was glad I could say quietly, "It has already been raised." Mr. Scott was astonished, and I think since then he has realized that Dr. Kellogg's word is not necessarily final. From a remark he made the other night I can see that he thinks Dr. Kellogg is prejudiced against our people.

Surely the Lord will bless such men as Dr. Colwell, the Surgeon General at Washington, Dr. Martin, General Crowder, and others, for the kindly interest they have shown in our school and in returning our boys from the camps. How I should have enjoyed being at the celebration on New Year's Day, but I am keeping pretty quiet these days, and could not think of taking a trip like that at present with transportation so poor. I do not even expect to attend the General Conference.

I received a very kind and appreciative letter from the medical students who are occupying the girl's dormitory, and I expect to reply soon and send them a picture of Helen which I have just had enlarged from a Kodak picture I took of her at Asbury Park. I think it is the best I have of her, though the face is not as good as I should like. I think, however, it is a sweet picture, very characteristic and natural. I am not saying anything about the name, Helen Scott Cottage—I'm not to blame if the name sticks, am I?

Marguerite and I think it is remarkable how quickly the buildings go up. I was surprised that you expect to have patients in the first unit of the hospital by this time. It must be a busy place, and intensely interesting to watch the Administration Building and the Women's Surgical Building hurrying toward completion. I was interested also in what you say about the dispensary clinic doing so well, and how quickly the 15 and 25-cent fees counted up in your hydrotherapy department. I want to congratulate you on your progress and success, and am so glad that the outside local physicians are sympathetic and helpful, and speak so well of the institution to such men as Dr. Colwell.

Let me thank you here for the Autobiography of Doctor Trudeau, a book that I have wanted since I saw your copy of it at Madison. I expect to start reading it very soon, and I know I shall enjoy it. It may be I shall get Mr. Scott to read it aloud evenings, as we like to read some book together at that time. It was very kind to think of giving me just the very book I wanted.

I am glad you wrote to me as you did about Mr. Schneider. I know that he is a hard, persevering worker, and have feared that he would not be able to hold out. I have

just sent him a check for \$50, a gift outright. This is not from my educational fund, as that has been very much overdrawn, but I just could not resist giving him a lift even if I do have to sacrifice some other interest. I forgot at the time what you said about sending the money on to you, so please pardon me that I sent it direct to him. I am glad you are keeping your eye on these worthy young men. While you cannot give them much financial aid yourself, you certainly do give them the sympathy they need, and put yourself out a great deal in their behalf, --and sympathy means so much when discouragement is knocking at the door. I'm sure these young men feel that they have in you a real, true friend. Always feel free, please, to tell me about these cases when you feel impressed. If I cannot do anything I will let you know, for I never have to be worried that you may take a refusal as a personal slight for you are too broad minded for that.

The Knights of Columbus came around last night. I was glad I had retired, but Mr. Scott gave them \$25. He does not seem to see the danger in their encroachments.

I am writing to Brother Bowen concerning the \$5,000, which I still have on interest at Loma Linda. I have told him to pay me \$3,000 now, and to leave \$2,000 there at 4 percent.

Speaking of investments, I am a little puzzled about Brother Quantock's method of doing business. He is always very slow in making any response, either when I send him a check or make inquiry in regard to investments. At one time I sent him several letters, and it seemed to me important that he should reply at once, but two or three months passed and then he did not answer until I wrote to Mr. Schee. Not being personally acquainted with each other this is likely to lead to misunderstandings on both sides, I fear. No doubt he thinks I am very unbusinesslike, and I know I am, but I have rather been looking to him to advise me when he sees I need help. He wrote me before Christmas saying he was sending me by registered mail two mortgages with their accompanying documents. A thin envelope arrived containing the papers accompanying one of the mortgages. The envelope was torn open, but I think everything was all right. The other mortgage, which he mentioned, did not arrive. I wrote at once to him telling him the condition of the envelope and what I had received, and that the other mortgage mentioned had not arrived, requesting that he would let me know if everything was safe. I have not heard from him since. So far, of the money you know I sent him last summer, he has invested for me only \$6,000 in a farm at 5 percent, although he has had for several months a list of several other loans that were pending. Do you think that is satisfactory? I can invest through a bank here, Spencer Trask & Company, in Gold Municipal Bonds, receiving 5-7 percent interest, giving only two or three days notice. Now possibly it is more difficult to get these farm loans, which I must say I prefer in view of the unsettled condition of labor and what this will mean to cities in the near future. My brother thinks 5 percent is a low rate to pay on a mortgage, and has laughed at me for accepting this. Is there this difference between the amount of interest on city and farm loans? Of course I cannot quite expect my brother to see why I am fearful of municipal loans. I had hoped Brother Quantock would realize how little experience I have had in these matters and would not feel when I make inquiries that I am dissatisfied. Probably he does not feel that way, though I fear he might. I simply want him to explain and be prompt in making matters

clear about why the money must lie so long in the bank. This last question I have not asked him as yet. I hate to trouble you at all about these things now, for I know you have your hands and heart full, and I had hoped that I would not need to write you. I do not want you to make Brother Quantock feel that I have complained to you. Perhaps you can explain. Why is it so many of our own people show such a lack of dispatch so unlike other businessmen? The Lord says we should be diligent in business.

You speak of these little trips you had costing a good deal, but, Doctor Magan, they were well worth the price since so much has been accomplished for the school. You know our denominational men are spending large sums of money in traveling expenses, sending our ministers from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from New Jersey to Florida; the president of the New Jersey Conference becomes president of the Florida Conference, and the president of the Florida Conference comes back to take the presidency of the New Jersey Conference; a teacher from South Lancaster Academy, where she is perfectly happy in her work, is taken clear across the country to Pacific Union College where she is a long long time getting adjusted; and two teachers from Walla Walla College were sent back to South Lancaster, unsettling them all—of course, and what has been accomplished? Confusion, it seems to me! We don't mind paying for something. I do feel when you have been oscillating between Los Angeles and Chicago, and New York and Washington and Nashville, that the trips were well worth while, and God was glorified as results show. So you do not need to apologize because the big things that God has done for Loma Linda have required an outlay of money. It is one thing to obey God and another thing to obey men, and I am glad that in your case the Lord was leading, as even Elder Evans, Knox and Daniells agree, as you tell me, that the Lord has given success to the school at a time when it seemed to them it was doomed.

I am glad to hear that Shaen did so well in his first examination, passing 92 percent in anatomy, and that he is pleased with his teachers. I am glad he keeps well. Thank you for the news about the Comstocks and Dr. Lucas.

Referring to the unpublished Testimony on drugs, you will find the one I mentioned beginning, "Put no confidence in drug medication, etc." on page 45 of those Testimonies collected at Madison by Brother Spaulding. Other references which I have been reading lately, and with which you are no doubt familiar, are as follows: Pages 7, 30, 45, 137, 258, 320, of the same book. I also read the following, urging a revival of teaching the use of herbs as a medicine. I was pleased to find this as I have been wondering for years if Sister White had never said anything about this in her writings. It is on page 137. I have wondered whether the Lord would not inspire someone to revive this lost art of the simple, old-fashioned use of herbs for the treatment of ailments. Doctors are destined to become scarce, and dangerous transportation will shut people up to themselves so that they will need to know how to get along without the doctor. Who is going to teach them?

I am always interested in everything you write, and we almost daily pray for the medical work and those connected with it. Give my love to Doctor Lillian and your family.

We had a visit from Professor Bralliar for about 10 days while he was arranging for the publication by Funk & Wagnalls of a book he is getting out. We think he is a very interesting man, and that the Lord has raised him up to lead out in agricultural lines. How satisfying the true educational principles are which the Lord has so mercifully laid down for us in the Testimonies. They are so plain that he who runs may read, and I do love them.

Most sincerely your sister,

Lida F. Scott

P.S. Martha appreciates your remembering her. Marguerite has been writing her letters for her. Martha says she likes to hear Marguerite "dictate" her letters for her. She told Mr. Scott one evening that he had a "handicapped supper, and explained to Marguerite that my mother died of a "ferocious" liver. Marguerite found her studying a book on the Discrimination of Words." I was asked why she was studying that. She said she wanted to be somebody before she died. LFS

(Note: The Julius Schneider mentioned in this letter was one of the first Madison students to attend the College of Medical Evangelists. He later served for many years as a physician in the Atlanta, Ga., area.)

Rural Sanitarium
Madison, Tennessee
May 2, 1918

Doctor Percy T. Magan
Los Angeles, California

Dear Doctor Magan:

And so the dedication is an accomplished fact. We were thinking of you on that day and praying that the Lord would bless, and when I saw in the paper that there was an earthquake in California I wondered if all the people gathered together at the dedication appreciated one story buildings! It seemed to me that the Lord was speaking through that earthquake an approval of your plans. I surely would have been at the dedication if it had been possible.

Pardon me for being so slow in answering your good letters, but really, Dr. Magan, I shall have to admit I have been very tired and Miss Coffin has been sick and unable to attend to my correspondence, so I just had to wait. You will be interested to know that Dr. Sutherland had me go to Dr. Hoffer and have my teeth X-rayed, and we found

that four of them were in a condition to account for my slow recovery. Three of them have been removed and one more is coming out in two or three days, and I am very happy because I am already feeling a great deal more strength, and if in two days I feel such a difference, what will it be in a few weeks! They are all so glad here that they made the discovery, and I knew you would be glad to know this.

I do thank you both for your deep interest. Now as to Brother Quantock, you sent me all the particulars I wanted. I don't know of a thing you left out, but Brother Quantock has had smallpox and one thing and another, together with a lapse of memory I suppose, and not a single paper has arrived nor a bit of information about the interest due me, or the money he's been holding for me at the bank, so I'm writing him today, and enclose a copy of the letter. I'm putting the \$3,000 in Liberty Bonds. He is altogether too indefinite and uncertain. If I have trouble in getting this within a reasonable time I fear I will have to appeal to you on one of your trips east to intercede for me. He does not seem one with whom it is satisfactory to do business at long range. Well, I'm so thankful for all your help and interest. It has been such a relief to me.

I am enjoying it here in this delightful spring weather. Madison is truly beautiful. I'm going down to the garden this afternoon to see the giant strawberries. Professor Bral-liar was showing me this morning some illustrations that are being made for his book published by Funk and Wagnalls. They are beautiful. His book will be valuable.

I shall be glad to hear your version of the dedication when you have time to write. By the way, Miss Elizabeth Wilson has been here at Madison with us. She is the daughter of the treasurer of our church, one of the men that caused me so much trouble. She is a fine girl and is truly converted to the Madison idea. She is full of enthusiasm, full and bubbling over. She has been taking some studies under the Doctor. She returns tomorrow with the purpose in her heart that she can induce her entire family to come down here to prepare for the farm. Her father says that he is willing to go anywhere and do anything the Lord wants him to do. They have succeeded in selling their house for a fair price and are free to do as they like.

No doubt you have heard of the death of poor Elder Miller. By the way, Miss Wilson is president of the Young People's Society in Newark. There are about 15 young people and her influence is strong. So we will pray for her here while she works for them there.

I'm expecting every day to receive a telegram from my brother Wilfred, telling me of the birth of their child they are expecting which will bring great happiness into their home.

Mr. Scott is well and thinks I ought to be here where I can have proper supervision until I get well.

I received two very nice letters from Shaen. I'm so glad to learn that he will finish his anatomy with the rest of his class in June. He has for so long been having to do

double work. When he gets all his back work made up his regular studies will not be such a tax on him. He certainly has been a faithful student, and I hope his health will hold out. Give my love to him and to Dr. Lillian and Val. Tell Val that I'm taming the squirrels, and they came to see me yesterday afternoon four at a time. They climb up on my cot and sit right on top of me while they eat their nuts. I have them hunting for nuts under my hands and under the covers. The one with the nick on his ear is the boss and chases the others away when she gets jealous. The one with the nick on the side of his left ear is less bold and more winsome in his ways. Then there is another one with no nicks. Maybe Val can suggest some names for them.

Tell Doctor Lillian I so much appreciated her excellent letter.

Since writing the above I have received your letter of April 28th giving me an account of the dedication and earthquake, and I thank you very much. I'm glad to know that the changes in the administration have been such that will help forward the principles you are advocating in the medical school. It is wonderful to have God for our ally. He certainly will carry out all that He has spoken about Loma Linda, and no one can really do anything against the truth but for the truth.

Someday I trust the Lord will make it possible for me to visit you and see for myself what Brother Drake has done for the unit. Probably the stenographer forgot to enclose the program of the dedication you mentioned.

I note what you say about holding the convention for medical graduates. It will certainly be an encouragement to the young men who are going into the army as officers. Will your son Wellesley be leaving for the army with the others? I know you must feel very anxious. It is a great comfort to know that the Lord will have a special care over His own faithful ones. I have read somewhere in Desire of Ages that every one will be protected until the Lord comes. I note what you say about his wedding taking place the day of the convention.

That will be very impressive. I trust the Lord will spare them long to each other.

Very sincerely your friend,

Lida F. Scott

P.S. Day before yesterday Dr. Hoffer extracted two more teeth. There was a good deal of pus. I have felt like a different woman since and there is every indication that I am going to build up fast now. Miss Coffin will have to avoid responsibility all summer. She will spend about two hours each day in her bare feet working in the garden. You ought to see the quantity of strawberries coming on, and the plum trees are a curiosity they are so loaded. The hand of the Lord has been over the garden on frosty nights, sending either a fog or a wind, and no damage was done.

There are a fine lot of influential people here as patients now, and this has been true ever since I have been here.

I shall expect to be more prompt in my replies now since I am so much better. I shall no doubt be here for some time yet. LFS

May 27, 1918

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
Rural Sanitarium
Madison, Tennessee

My dear Sister Scott,

I was very glad indeed to receive your long letter of May 2nd, which I found awaiting me on my return from Walla Walla.

I am enclosing with this a copy of a letter I have written to Miss Covington, which will give you some general news, and now I will try to write you a little more.

It looks as if the hand of God was mightily working in behalf of our Medical College. Elder Daniells and others of our leading men are pressing me to do everything in my power to get up more buildings and to get the School in shape so we can enter the A Grade next winter. You see next winter there is to be a "final" visitation of all the medical colleges in the country by the Council on Medical Education and the Association of American Medical Colleges, which two practically represent the Government at this time. Five men will make this visitation, and will be the most thorough thing of the kind ever undertaken. If we can get into the A Grade then our case is settled forever, that is as long as God wants our people to prepare medical missionaries for the world. I have now been urged to complete this plant as rapidly as I can get hold of the money. The brethren want me to put up the building which will contain class rooms, kitchen, dining rooms, and laboratories at once, and I am doing everything in my power to get money for this. I have also been urged to put up the building for the maternity and children's hospital.

Somehow or other I have had a premonition for sometime that God wanted things completed and done here, and the School put in a place where it could do good strong work forever. You know I have thought so much of late of Matthew 25:6, "At midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." It is always at midnight that the Lord comes into our lives, and it has been abundantly proven so in our medical missionary work, and more than that, we never will meet the Lord, or meet his mind in anything, unless we "go out" to meet him. We have got to venture things. I do not know how I am going to get the money for these buildings, but God is moving upon hearts, and there are some big things in prospect which I hope in time will materialize. I have full faith, however, that God is in this whole thing, and that I must press on. It will take considerable money, but there never was a time when our people

had as much money as they have now, and there never was a time when they were so willing to give it. I wish you might have been in the meeting at General Conference when \$250,000 in cash and pledges was given for missions. It was all done in about 20 minutes, without any pulling or hauling to get it. God was working.

We are endeavoring to get started here, but there is, oh so much to be done. It takes time to build up an organization of consecrated self-sacrificing workers, and we are obliged to putter along in many things and do the best we can, because we will not take ungodly people into our family, and in the end I know our plan will work out for the best.

We are endeavoring to start a number of reforms. We are putting in the cafeteria plan for our patients; we are also doing this at Loma Linda and Glendale. Dr. Sutherland and I talked this over when I was there last summer, and he thought it was a great thing, and I think felt very favorable to putting it in at Madison. We have already been trying it at Glendale, and it works wonderfully. The patients like it, and it is far better for the institution. There is less waste and we make more money; and on account of the present necessity for food conservation, now is the time to do it.

We are very short of nurses, but to expect a large class next fall, also a number of people to take special training in laboratory work, matron's work, and head nurses' work. I have never seen such a spirit among our students and nurses to do things for the Lord as there is now. God is certainly moving upon their hearts by His Holy Spirit.

I have to be in Chicago June 11th to attend a conference, called by the Surgeon General of the United States Army, of the dean of medical colleges to settle a number of important questions; and I will run down to Tennessee from there, and hope to have a good visit with you. I hope you won't be gone before then.

I am so glad to know that you have had your teeth X-rayed, and that already you feel such a difference. It is wonderful what this does.

Now in regard to Brother Quantock, I am more grieved than I can tell at the way he has handled your business. I cannot understand it, --that bank is so prosperous and does such a splendid business. However, I am going to get after him when I visit College View, which I hope will be some time in June, and I will get everything straightened out for you and we will compel him to give whatever papers are coming to you, so I can bring or send them to you. I do not care whether he has had smallpox or not, that need not keep him from sending you the papers for over five or six months, or even more than that.

I am glad to know that Elizabeth Wilson is with you and that she likes the place so well.

Yes, I heard about poor Elder Miller's death. His son, Dr. Miller, got terribly sat upon at Conference, and I think feels very badly over it.

I do hope that your brother Wilfred's wife got through her troubles all right, and that they have their baby by this time, with all the happiness that it brings to their home.

I saw Shaen at Loma Linda yesterday and this morning. He has been working desperately hard on account of entering the School so late. He has gotten through with everything except a condition in anatomy, which he will soon remove.

I will tell Val all about you're taming the squirrels. I know he will be pleased to hear about it.

With much love to yourself and Miss Coffin, believe me, as ever,

Your friend and brother

PTM/B

July 18, 1918

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
C/o Dr. E.A. Sutherland
Madison, Tenn.

Dear Sister Scott:

I was very glad indeed to receive Miss Coffin's kind letter July 8th. I gave Dr. Sutherland the check for \$50 which you so kindly sent for him and endorsed the check you sent to me for \$25 to Brother Julius Schneider at Loma Linda and requested him to write you and thank you for the same and to receipt you for it. If you do not hear from him, please have Miss Coffin drop me a line and I will get after him.

I can never tell you, Sister Scott, how much I appreciate all you have done for us on this matter of the hospital, and also for all you have done for us at Madison. Truly, God raised you up to help these two lines of work in perilous times of great need. There are three women in this world who stand out in my mind as saviours of God's cause when in perilous places more than any others, --Josephine Gotzian, May Covington, and Lida F. Scott. Over and over again things would have come to an end for us if it had not been that the Lord brought you good souls to our rescue and I feel assured that in the Kingdom of Heaven three will be bright stars in your crown for all this work. You have made many and great sacrifices and I love you for them all and pray that God will keep you in health of body, in strength of soul and sweetness of spirit to the day of His coming. I am so very glad you are feeling so much better. You have had a long, hard, discouraging time of it.

I do not suppose it will be necessary for me to tell you much about the Council here, as Brother Sutherland will tell you all about it. It is by far the best meeting of the

kind I have ever attended. Spiritually it had its limitations, which he will detail to you, but it was so different from the one of last year that I could hardly believe I was facing the same men in the same audience chamber that I did just one year ago when my good friend I.H. Evans condemned me to the denomination bowwows for all my heresies for wanting Seventh-day Adventist nurses to care for poor, wounded men in France, for wanting to operate a special school of intensive nurses' training for our young men who have to go into the army; for wanting to give a special course of training for graduate Adventist nurses so they can be of more service to the Government; for wanting to get up a base hospital, etc. etc. The movie reel had certainly changed and my doctrines were all orthodox this time and everything I asked for and desired, was unanimously voted. More than that, we got the General Conference Committee to forgive the hospital the debt of \$20,000 which the committee loaned us last November. I feel mighty good over this; it will save me a lot of hard work.

I leave here this evening for New York City and will see your dear husband and tell him how well you look and happy you are and what great work you are doing, interesting people in the work for the white mountaineers. Will write you all about my visit to him after we have met.

Now in regard to the money for the Service building. I don't want to hurry you unduly, but I will greatly appreciate it if you will get this money to Brother L.M. Bowen, Loma Linda, Cal., as quickly as you can, or if you would rather, you can send it to me at the White Memorial Hospital, 304 Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. I will be there, I think, by the 28th of this month. Tell Miss Carolyn Brunson, my secretary, in your letter, to hold it all till I come, if you sent it to me at all. They are hounding me now in almost every mail to send them more money. It would be all right to send the Southern Publishing Assn., money August 2nd and you can send me the check for \$1,500 when you are ready.

I will talk to Prof. Machlan tonight about the boy Philip Shank concerning whom Miss Coffin wrote me. Machlan feels all right toward us now and will do anything he can to help. I will also write to Shank. I will see Miss Mabel Habicht at Hinsdale. I will also try to see Victor Barrows and Harold Lewis.

Forgive me for not writing more this time, but it was one o'clock this morning when I got to bed and will probably be one o'clock tomorrow morning when I see my bed again.

As ever your brother,

M/r

Dictated September 26, 1918

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair, NJ

My dear Sister Scott:

On my return from Palo Alto, San Francisco and St. Helena yesterday I found your good letter of the 18th acknowledging mine of the 8th relative to the \$6,000 which you so kindly gave on the Service Building. We are pushing things ahead pretty fast now on the Service Building, and if we can get the material are almost ready to start on the chapel building. It will be a great comfort to us when we can get into the Service Building and that will give us classrooms, kitchens, etc. I am glad to say that Brother Drake tells me that he is going to get the building completed for the amount, which he estimated. I hate to have buildings run over in cost.

I do not know whether or not I told you in a previous letter that Dr. Truman is with us here now. He is a great help. He is such a godly, conscientious man—one who prays with people. I think I told you that Elder Elderson from South Africa was here and that we are now getting men and women who are appointed to foreign mission work. Elder Anderson is our Bible teacher and does excellent work, and all of our people love him very dearly. We have also been very blessed in getting a splendid young man, Brother Myron Lysinger, as Business Manager. He has been at St. Helena and Loma Linda for a long time but felt anxious to get away from these places, the spirit of our work here attracting him to us. He works so harmoniously and is willing to do anything, even to going into the kitchen and scraping pots and kettles on Sabbath to help out in a pinch. He has got a little of the Madison spirit in him that way. We have had a hard time here before in regard to buying groceries, vegetables, etc., for the house, drugs for the Dispensary, and general supplies. A man came once a week from Loma Linda to do this buying for us. He did it very badly and it made a great deal of trouble, as we could not get the things we wanted for our patients or the proper supplies for our medical department. Mr. Lysinger is attending to all of this and our department heads are getting better pleased and things are going easier. He has just been in here talking to me and telling me about getting him a little Ford delivery wagon and runabout thing so that he can go down and get our groceries and vegetables and stuff early in the morning, and then use the thing later in the day for handling convalescent patients and things of that kind if we need to, so we are working and praying now over this. We have never had any care of any kind here. My car had been used for everything, but of course it was not suited for delivery work. I expect we shall have to get something pretty soon as I understand Ford is going to quit making commercial vehicles immediately and his works will be devoted entirely to Government orders.

You will be interested to know that a patient at Hinsdale, a Mrs. Rhodes, who is not an Adventist, has given us most of the money for an adding machine and in all probabilities is going to give us the rest. It is wonderful the way the Lord is bringing people to our help. They know that we are working for the poor and they love us and help us on our road a bit. The other day, I had as a present a nice electric blanket from old Sister

Learned in Glendale and with some other little donations we got our money together to get a desk for Dr. Lillian. (The photocopied letter becomes illegible here.)

The buildings are almost completed for our school of Army Nursing for the drafted men. They are at Loma Linda and not at Los Angeles, and we expect to have the school running now in the course of a few days. I am sure that this will bring comfort to many a mother's heart to know that her boy can have this training and that it will put them in a line of work more suited to her faith when he is in the Army than some other line into which he might fall were it not for this.

Thank you so much for the check for \$25 for Brother Schneider. I have just written him a line and sent it on to you, and have told him to write you at Montclair. I presume I was mistaken, but I thought it was \$125 you had for him instead of \$50. Evidently I was wrong on this, but I do not know how I got the idea into my head. However, if this plan goes through with the Government he will not need any more as the Government will then pay his board, room, tuition and \$30 a month besides. I ought to know by tonight or tomorrow whether the Government will accede to our requests or not.

I have just returned from Palo Alto where I had a visit with Ray Lyman Wilbur, who is president of Leland Stanford University and also is one of the big men of the Government in this Students Army Training Corps business. He treated me splendidly and wrote out a great telegram and sent it to Washington recommending that we be put on the Government list for a Students Army Training School. I also had a good time at St. Helena. If we get this Students Army Training Corps Unit we will have their pre-medical students down here.

I am deeply interested in what you have written relative to the visit of Mother Druillard, Mrs. Sutherland and yourself to the camp meetings. I am more than tickled that Charles and G.B. Thompson are converted to the Madison idea. This is great. I am glad to know that you are getting so many fine folks.

You will be glad to know that we have more young men in the first year medical class this year than in all our other classes all together. God has certainly blessed us in this. Did I tell you that I got a bill through the General Conference Council in Washington which provides for the attaching of a lady physician to the office of the General Conference Medical Secretary, whose chief business it is to go around to our schools and sanitariums and interest young women students and nurses in becoming physicians.

I am glad to know that you received a good letter from Verna Stowe. I remember her very well and also remember the troubles you had with her folks. I am glad she is getting more gratitude into her heart than she had awhile back.

With kindest regards to Mr. Scott and your brother, his wife and the baby, as ever,

Your old friend.

(The dictation for this letter was written on an old scratch book I was trying to use up and was overlooked in the rush. I am very sorry it has been delayed so long. Secretary.)

22 Upper Mountain AVE.
Montclair, NJ
October 20, 1918

Dr. P.T. Magan
Los Angeles, CA

Dear Dr. Magan:

Your letter of September 26th was received a day or so ago and, as always, read with deep interest, as I am ever glad to hear of the progress made with the buildings and of the way the Lord is working in your behalf. It is always a fascinating story of faith.

A few days ago I was culling my files and I reread a letter from you dated in 1916 when you were worried about the rerating of Loma Linda and Dr. Colwell was so discouraging in everything he said. And yet when everything looked the very darkest you reached the conclusion that the Lord was about to do great things for the medical school. You based this on your faith in God's Word in the Bible and Testimonies. It was so interesting to reread those pages in the light of today and to see how the Lord honored your faith and those associated with you. It is a page in sacred history. He will surely finish that work he has begun, and is quite able to work out all the present problems as well as he did those of the past.

I am glad Dr. Truman is there. I remember him well from the time I visited Loma Linda three years ago. I was impressed with his godliness and with the fact that if he kept on in the way in which he was then headed, building so unreservedly on the Testimonies, that the Lord would use him to do a great work. So I am glad to hear you say he is associated with you in Los Angeles. Am also glad that Elder Anderson is bringing a strong spiritual influence in, and that the Lord has sent Brother Myron Lysinger, another who has caught the vision that so few are able to get when men are needed in pioneer work. I can appreciate the pleasure he must feel in being where he knows that God is doing great things.

I hope the Lord will put the burden on some to give means for a Ford delivery wagon, as you must need something of the kind. I have given far beyond my limits this year, way into next year's income, so must deny myself this pleasure.

That was very kind of Mrs. Rhodes to take such an interest in our work to give money for the adding machine. The electric blanket that Sister Learned gave, is a new

idea to me. I am glad you have it, and that Dr. Lillian has her new desk. Well, faith after all is a big fund from which one can draw.

Am glad that Miss Jensen is getting better. I have three girls who have come home from Madison with me. Miss Coffin is here getting her things together preparatory to returning to Madison; Miss Archie Meucke whom you probably remember, and Miss Lingham are planning to be with me throughout the winter. They are both convalescents. Miss Muecke is a fine girl and is anxious to have studies so that she can take an intelligent stand for the truth. Miss Lingham is a New England girl, a graduate of the Hemingway School of Domestic Science, a branch of the Framingham Normal School in Massachusetts. She is ambitious to devote her talents, training, and remarkable ability to the up building of community work among the mountaineers. She has spent a year at Smith, Kentucky. She is not an Adventist, but is one of the finest girls I have ever met and is open to truth. Both girls give a great deal of animation to our Bible studies. Mr. Scott is much interested in having them here. I am sure we shall have a most enjoyable winter together.

I should like to visit you all and see the new buildings that are going up in connection with the White Memorial and also with the School of Army Nursing for the drafted men.

In regard to Brother Schneider and the other boys it will be a fine thing if the government decides to pay their way. Isn't it thrilling to realize that we are actually living over again the experiences of Old Testament characters? Shall be interested in the continuation of the story. Has it been decided whether you unite with Redlands University at Loma Linda and Occidental at Los Angeles, or whether you will have to have a Students' Army Training Corps of your own?

That decision to have a lady physician attached to the office of the General Conference Medical Secretary is another advance move over which we can well rejoice. Who is the lady to be? Sometime I hope I can help in the work of helping some of the young women in their medical course, which you mentioned you were doing in one of your letters.

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed reading the copy of the letter you sent to Dr. Ruble in regard to the S.A.J.C. for Loma Linda and Los Angeles and your struggles in getting the premedical students properly protected.

With love to Doctor Lillian and Val, and kindest regards to yourself, with appreciation for the time and interest you show in keeping me acquainted with the doings there,

Very sincerely your sister,

Lida F. Scott

December 19, 1918

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain AVE.
Montclair, NJ

My dear Sister Scott:

I was so glad to get your kind letter of December 4. I am picking up some after the influenza but I feel it yet and the strain we have been through here in the last two years seems to be telling on me. I wish I could get away from it all for a month or two but I do not see any way to do it. I am teaching nearly all of the Medicine now to the Junior Class and doing quite a lot of work in the Hospital and some outside practice, beside the general work that comes to the office of the Dean of a large school like this.

We have certainly had a terrible time here with the Influenza. We have had a very large number of cases here at the hospital and some of the most fearful pneumonia cases I have ever seen. God has greatly blessed in the care of these cases. The Los Angeles County Hospital has lost 25 percent of their cases and we have lost only something over four percent of ours; in fact, I think our later series of cases will bring it down to about three percent. This certainly speaks well for God's methods of treatment.

Katherine Magan, Wellesley's wife, has had it quite badly lately. She is now on the mend again but she suffered a great deal, poor girl, and is not out of it yet. We have had numbers of entire families down with it all at the same time. In one case the entire family died, one after the other. It is distressingly and indeed seems like plague of the last days.

Shaen has escaped the influenza so far. He comes down to see us every Sabbath nearly. He starts out afoot from Loma Linda and picks up rides as he can for the 65 miles.

Thank you so much for the check for \$200 for Brother Julius Schneider. I received a statement from Brother Bowen covering his account the other day showing him indebted to the school approximately \$133 and some cents. This covered the tuition for the first two trimesters and the balance, I judge, he was owing on board and room so I thought it best to apply the whole \$200 on his account. This will pay up his tuition for the third quarter and leave a balance of a few dollars on board and room. Just as soon as I get the receipt back from Brother Bowen I will send the same to you.

Julius Schneider is a very worthy boy. He is peculiar, quiet, slow and stubborn as a Tennessee mule, but a good boy who never gives any trouble and he works very hard, and I believe is devoted to this cause. I have helped him some myself with money and clothes, but of course, my little store does not amount to very much in this kind of a game. Wellesley has had to have a good deal of help through this year as he only gets his

board and \$10 a month while he is interning at the Los Angeles County Hospital, and this has kept Lillian and I closer than we otherwise would have been. I do not know how we would ever have been able to keep Shaen in school if it had not been for all you have done for him. His clothes and incidentals, even though he is careful, have been quite an item.

I am amused at what you write of the anonymous letter which you received from a sister in your church souring you for not going to church. The poor lunatic must be hard up for something to do, and busy, or she would have had time to sign her blooming name. Take all the time you need to get well and stay away from meetings, and if you get any more letters like that with names signed to them, send them on to me.

I am interested to know that Brother Talge has been to Madison and was glad to read Marguerite's note to you in regard to what he had promised to do. I got \$1,000 out of him for here, which I was very glad to get.

I am glad that Dr. and Mrs. Thomason were able to pay you a visit. The Doctor was in my office for an hour or more this afternoon and he had already told me about the pleasant time he had with you and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Well, I have all the money together now for our chapel. I feel very, thankful for that. When we get it up we will have some place to meet and worship. The next building to be gone after is the maternity and children's building. We have every bed full now all the time and you will be thankful to hear that in spite of all the predictions which Elder Knox made that this place would run behind \$50,000 a year, we have paid every bill out of our own earnings to date. I feel that the Lord has been very good to us in this.

You will also be interested, I am sure, to know that another big fight of long time standing here has been fought and won. For years we were not allowed any representation upon the Staff of the Los Angeles County Hospital. The Los Angeles Hospital is the largest in the United States except Cook County in Chicago, and physicians on the Staff were of great value to the medical schools in this city on account of the teaching facilities offered and involved. Recently things have swung around and the Board of Supervisors of this County made me a permanent member of the Governing Medical Board of the Hospital, which is composed of eight men, including myself. From a medical standpoint this is considered a very high honor, but it also carries with it the right to appoint a number of men on the Staff of the Hospital, and this is the thing which is of such great value to us. The Lord is certainly putting this place on the map.

Well, I must close now. With kindest love to yourself and Mr. Scott, as ever,

Your old friend,

M

22 Upper Mountain AVE.
Montclair, NJ
January 17, 1919

My dear Dr. Magan;

Thanks for your interesting letters of Dec. 19, 30 and Jan. 3.

You need not apologize for writing to Miss May Covington and me together. The letter was much appreciated, and I am glad to hear you save yourself all you can, for these are strenuous times, and all the strength you have is needed to meet important issues. We must all learn to conserve in every way, I find.

I am pleased with the result your lads had in building up those disgruntled churches. Deep down in my heart, I am gladder than I can express.

I am restraining a smile when I think of my own recent experience. You will smile to. My, but I am glad I took my letter out of the Newark Church and placed it in Madison. I think for a period of four years I have been the unconscious cause of continual agitation and gossip in that church. I say unconscious, for (letter illegible here). It is that a report of conditions reaches me, and no one even comes to talk with me. The other day I accidentally discerned that I am still a disturbing element although I have not been inside the church for over two years. They think I am offended now because I took out my letter. Someone told the colored people that they were put out of the church because I disapproved of their being in with the whites. It was news to me that they had been put out or that I thought that way.

Do you remember when you were at the church last that I told you I wanted you to listen to my conversations with Brother Vabrankamp as to the gifts I made to the church; and do you remember the board meeting they would not permit you to attend; and the unsatisfactory statement made by Elder Miller to the people afterward. You may recall that I told you they had written in the minutes what I have given and what I had not. Now I find that these minutes read that I gave the stereopticon machine also to the church. That is the one thing I did hang on to for the sake of the principle of the thing. The easiest thing now is to let it go and say nothing. Ought I to do that, for their sakes? I fear it would be weak to do this, but I cannot fight a battle over it, nor would I care to if I were physically able. I think the people never did understand, but have been misinformed until they are completely puzzled. Should I make any attempt to explain? I hate self-justification. Do not think I am not worrying myself about it. I am curious to know if you would advise.

To return to your churches. I think our medical students have the right idea. Get the people doing missionary work, and they will have something worthwhile to talk about.

It is splendid that you are not letting the missionary spirit die out during the strenuous years of medical training.

That is a happy thought to collect Sister White's old manuscripts, etc, in a little cottage. I am going to try to give something for that cottage if I find it possible. But I am helping enlarge Madison this next year, and I fear my hands will be tied for much further effort.

The Lord is watching over your work, evidenced in so many ways, of which it is the way the money came to you for the maternity and children's hospital, and the results of Dr. Winterer's visit.

If the Lord gives me strength and it seems first in other ways I may go to Los Angeles this summer. I am anxious to see what God has wrought.

I wish some broad-minded young graduate with courage and vision would go to Madison and cooperate with Dr. Sutherland. The work there is growing so big and broad. It would seem help must come. Isn't that new city development significant?

You ask me about my will. I expected you had left the copy of my first will in the Madison file. This you may have forgotten was the suggestion you made to me. The second will I sent to Dr. Sutherland for filing as I supposed the first had been. This is the way I had it entered in my book of records.

Now about Miss Henessey. I will pay one half her expenses the first year provided the other half is raised. Please keep this on file in case someone forgets.

I have here a young lady staying with me this winter, Miss Lingham, whom I brought with me from Madison to rest up as she has suffered nervously from overwork. She has a splendid physique and will be vigorous in mind and body when she is herself again. She is one of the most promising young women I have ever known, a graduate of the Framingham Normal School. She is not yet an Adventist but is tremendously interested. She has too tired a head to study much now. She wants to take the nurses' course, or part of it, at Madison then the medical course at Loma Linda. Then she wants to devote her life as self-supporting missionary among the mountaineers. I expect to help her through college, but this will be a couple of years yet, I suppose, before I have this expense to meet.

Next year I am willing to pay the half of the expenses of a second promising young woman, especially favoring one who is burdened for mountain work in the south. But more of this later.

Dr. Magan, my head is getting tired and I can't think clearly, as is evident. I will ask you not to file this letter or this part at least, but write to me again for definite statement. Make suggestions if you care to. Something like this I am willing to do, I think.

I will offer \$300 a year for four years in behalf of training women medically for our southern highland work. What do you think of some such plan? Can one or two women be found with this southern burden that will need the whole or half of her expenses paid for here?

I congratulate you on your appointment on the Governing Medical Board of the Los Angeles County Hospital. That I should think will be of immense value to us. How wonderful is the God of Israel.

Please give my love to Dr. Lillian and Catherine and Val. I trust Catherine is well by this time.

Very sincerely yours,
Lida F. Scott

Will you have sent to me a new catalogue of the college? L.F.S.

Note: The Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church records show that Lida Scott transferred her membership there September 1, 1918.

February 2, 1919

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain AVE.
Montclair, NJ

My dear Sister Scott:

I was very glad indeed to get your good letter of January 17. The mails from the East are slow in reaching here and letters are a long time on the road.

The Lord is blessing us here and things are moving forward, but we have a hard proposition on our hands—so much opposition, so much red tape, so much eternal fooling around and holding up all the very essential things that ought to be done. It works on my nerves pretty badly at times. We are having a terrible time here to get help. I am in hopes that hard times financially will come soon and then Adventists will be glad of bread and not be so high-headed as they are now.

I am more than glad to know that you took your church letter from the Newark church and placed it at Madison. I think the best thing for the Newark church to do is to sit in sack cloth and ashes and repent a bit over the way they have treated you. I would just let them think that you were offended all they want to. They will get over that by and by and be sorry that they treated you as they did.

Yes, I remember very well when I was at the church with you last and when the meeting was held with Brother Vahramkamp over the matter of the gifts which you had made to the church, and I also remember absolutely, positively and very clearly that you stated over and over again that you did not give the stereopticon to the church. The argument over that was the big bone of contention. They tried to make you say that you had given it to the church. You stuck to it through thick and thin that you did not give it to the church. I remember this with the utmost clearness. There can be no question about it. Now as to whether you should continue the fight and get it away from them or not—I would not advise you in your state of health to do this. If they will not give it up peaceably, just let them alone. They are not prospering very much and they won't prosper very much until they make a number of things right with you. They are a miserable set and I would just let them soak in their suds for awhile.

I am glad you like my thought of collecting Sister White's old manuscripts, library, etc., in a nice little cottage here. I do not know how soon my vision on this will materialize. There are so many, many things to be done and sometimes I feel altogether unequal to the task. Still, in spite of all our trials, things are prospering and God is blessing us. You have been a mighty good friend to us here and I do not want you to feel that you have to strain yourself to give every time we have a need, so just let this little cottage rest and do not give it further thought and I will see how we will come along.

We have started work on our church and I have all the money raised to pay for it. We have turned this money over to the Southern California Conference and they are building it in cooperation with us. I do not have to worry any further about it. In a few months I hope we will be able to start the maternity and children's building. God has certainly been good to us over this. As I wrote you before, all the money has been subscribed for it but is not all in hand yet, but will be soon, I believe.

I am so thankful to know that there is a little chance of our seeing you in Los Angeles this summer. I do not know of any one we will be more thankful to see than yourself.

I have written Dr. E.A. Sutherland and begged him to come out here and give some talks to our students on the work in the South. I am sure if he comes that he will be able to get some good workers.

It is all right about your will. I was just a little afraid that you had sent me a copy and that I had mislaid it. As long as you did not do this I am perfectly satisfied. I was only worrying on the point mentioned above.

Thank you very much for your kind word relative to Miss Hennessey; namely, that you will pay one-half of her expenses for the first year provided the other half is raised. That is very good of you and I believe you are helping a most worthy girl. It may be that some time you will be down in Washington and will be able to see Miss Hennessey there for yourself. I was greatly pleased with her appearance and she has the most excellent recommendations.

I am interested in all you write about Miss Lingham. I do not think I have ever met her but I trust her stay with you will result in her being a good Seventh-day Adventist. I understood that Miss Mencke was to be with you. Am I right in this? I am glad you are going to help Miss Lingham through school and I am thankful to know that you will be willing to pay half of the expenses of a second promising young woman, especially if she is favorable to work amongst the mountaineers of the South. Have you any one in mind? I have a young woman here, a Miss Dale, whom I am intending to help through if I can get the help for her. She has been a schoolteacher and is a most godly, plain going girl. Her father is not an Adventist and the girl has had a hard time of it. I have never talked to her especially about the South but she is the cut of a girl I think would do well there.

I expect if all goes well to be in Chicago the 3rd and 4th of March to a big meeting being held there by the Council on Medical Education. If I can possibly afford it I will go on to New Jersey and see you for a day or two and at that time will talk over all the matters mentioned in your letter relative to the education of young people for the work.

I am sending calendars to you under separate cover.

With much love, as ever,

Your old friend and brother,

P.S.—A long time ago you told me when we needed a dictionary for the medical library here at the Hospital to call on you and you would have Funk and Wagnalls send us one. We have our library room now and are ready, and if it is not taxing you too much we would greatly appreciate it. If it is satisfactory to you, you may have it addressed to me, Care White Memorial Hospital, 304 N. Boyle Ave. P.T.M.

22 Upper Mountain AVE.
Montclair, NJ
January 31, 1919

My dear Dr. Magan,

A letter just received from Dr. Sutherland lays before me the necessity of your attending the Council on Medical Education to be held in Chicago in March. I am glad I am to have a part in it for it strikes me as exceedingly important that you keep closely in touch with these men and I do not understand how any of our leading men can fail to recognize the fact.

It is splendid to know that the Lord has given the vision to you. This scripture comes to my mind, "And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves."

I consider it a great privilege to help and if this check of \$200 which I enclose should not be sufficient to accomplish the Lord's purpose please let me know for there is still a balance in the educational fund. The Lord has given to every man his work and He has given this part of the work to me I am glad to say. On, it is a glorious thing to have a part in our medical evangelical work.

Trust we shall see you when you come east. I am expecting to return to Madison about the first of March.

Very sincerely yours,

Lida F. Scott

February 13, 1919

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
22 Upper Mountain AVE.
Montclair, NJ

My dear Sister Scott:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your kind letter of January 31 in which you refer to Dr. Sutherland's letter concerning the necessity of my attending the Council on Medical Education. I greatly appreciate your check for \$200. This will give me enough money so that I can attend this Council and do some other things that need to be done badly. I am in hopes that I can also get down to New York so as to talk a few matters over with you.

Things are going well here but I am having lots of troubles. It is so hard to do in the machine the things which one can do so easily out of it. Miss Mallory and I laughed quite joyously at the scripture which you so aptly quoted: "And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision: but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves." Certainly these texts describe two classes of Adventists beautifully: Men who do not see the vision are certainly subject to a great quaking and they always flee and hide themselves. I think I shall have to steal this text from you and make it the subject of what I believe will be a cracking good sermon.

I think the \$200 will be sufficient for all I need. If it is not, I will let you know, as you kindly suggest I should; but I shall hope to see you soon. I have so much to tell you that it is hard to write. I note that you think you may return to Madison about the first of

March. I will have to think this over and keep in close touch with you so as to know whether to see you there in New York.

Forgive me for this brief letter but I am terribly busy and trying to get things in shape so as to leave.

As ever,

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June 22, 1919

Doctor Percy T. Magan
1818 New Jersey ST
Los Angeles, California

Dear Doctor Magan:

Your two letters as usual were full of inspiration. I have read them over two or three times, and do appreciate your taking time to give me in detail the Acts of God in the development of our medical work. How in connection with the Students' Army Training Corps you were by faith warned of things not seen as yet and moved with fear, and God guarded you as was afterwards made clear by the flat failure of that movement; and how also the school chose rather to suffer affliction with the principles of God than to enjoy the pressures of recognition of the world for a season, and God honored your faith by taking you through the sea and causing the waters to close upon the University of Southern California which was trying to destroy His chosen school; and how He has taken care of the recognition as we are told He would.

I am very much interested in all you wrote about the good honest men among the great physicians of the town who love these principles, how they are anxious to get on our staff, Dr. Rhea Smith, Dr. Charles Browning, Dr. Lettice, and Dr. Leighton. Dr. Bryson I suppose is the Pharaoh in this case. We all hope and pray that the principles given us on the drug question, hydrotherapy, diet, etc., will never suffer depreciation. God can bless only right principles, and He, with us, though we be ever so weak, if we be obedient, will more than counterbalance the influence of any number of great men. Our only safety in these days, when we have the sympathy and cooperation of the world, is to "be strong and very courageous." I feel that I have not prayed for you all as I should. We should each pray that God will help our medical workers to feel very small in His sight.

How is it that no graduates from Loma Linda have yet felt the burden to connect with the southern work? What is wrong that so many are anxious to go into private practice? I understand that Dr. Thomason has set a wonderful example, making a great personal sacrifice by throwing in his lot with you accepting a small salary. What is going to bring that spirit of self-sacrifice among our students so that some will even dare to trust

God for their pay as you and Dr. Sutherland have done here at this place for so many years? Cannot something be done to awaken in them that spirit? We do so need medical evangelists here, but then, you know all about that. We hope to hear soon that the attention of many will be turned this way. Perhaps your new Bible teacher, Elder H.J. Waldorf, will help them to see what the Testimonies say about the South as a training camp for foreign service.

I am wondering how the money has come in for your new laboratory building and water plant. Let me know if you have secured all that is necessary. I have so many irons in the fire for the coming year that I should prefer helping where others fail in an emergency at a time when God wants something pushed and few have the vision.

My little five-room bungalow which is being put up next to Mother D's in the corner of the pasture is ready for the wall board and windows and ought to be finished in a couple of weeks. There is a delightful sleeping porch on the back. Miss Coffin and Miss Lingham are going in with me when I am here. Mr. Scott was down here for a couple of days on his way to Vancouver, and likes the cottage, which will be a future attraction for him, and may help to lure him thither.

I am getting better but I am not very energetic yet. Give my love to Dr. Lillian and little Val, and to Katherine. By the way, I believe I am to congratulate a grandfather and grandmother, am I not?

Very sincerely your sister,

Lida F. Scott

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P.S.—Your latest work has just arrived informing that the goal has been reached. This is most encouraging to you, and I congratulate you. L.F.S.

July 1, 1919

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
Madison, Tenn.

My dear Sister Scott:

I was very glad indeed to get your good letter of June 22, which arrived yesterday. I am glad to know that you received the two letters, which I wrote you relative to different matters of interest connected with the work here. I, too, feel very thankful that God kept us safely through the entire crisis concerning the Students' Army Training Corps. Those were very hard and trying times when Men's wisdom utterly failed. Toward the end of that experience I was down in my bed with the Influenza very sick, and day by day as I lay there it seemed to me a race as to whether the devil would be able to close this

school or God could bring the War to an end and get the Armistice signed first. I felt perfectly confident all the way through as to what the outcome would be, but the times were indeed trying for our lads.

Things are moving along quietly just now. It is vacation and only a few of the young men are there. We are very busy. Every bed is full and the Dispensary is running heavy also. There are so many things, however, to be done, built up and improved and generally gotten in better shape that we feel we cannot slack for a moment. Then again, on the spiritual or real side of things there is so very much to be done. Getting this plant built and things in shape has taken so much of my time that I have not been able to do any other lines what I have wanted to do, but now I hope some of this work will let up a bit and that I shall be able to accomplish some things in a more definite way for the work.

Did I tell you that I am going to spend awhile with Elder W.C. White this summer getting out a book which will gather together all of the important testimonies which Sister White has given in regard to our medical work from the very first down to the time of her death? We shall endeavor in this book to gather together in different sections all of practical use that has been said on diet; drugs; hydrotherapy; out of door work; fresh air; right thinking; the importance of nursing work; physicians and their pay; relation of physicians to nurses; relation of workers to institutions; needy fields; our own medical college; worldly medical colleges, etc., etc., and also the Battle Creek apostasy. This will give us something that we shall be able to use as a class textbook and will assist the students in their study. It is quite a big undertaking and I have had quite a long pull with the General Conference people and the Pacific Press in order to get them to publish it; but all of this is agreed to now, excepting that I have to stand good for \$500 of the initial expense. I think, however, I shall be able to get this arranged so that it will be paid back to the parties putting it in royalties on the book.

You ask how it is that no graduates from Loma Linda have yet felt the burden to connect with the Southern work. Brother Sutherland has never called for but two. Dr. Swift went down there, who, since getting out of the Army has gone to our Sanitarium at Walla Walla, Washington, and Dr. Alma Larson. She willingly gave up her position at the Portland Sanitarium to go to Madison, but as possibly Dr. Sutherland has told you, she has had some kind of a nervous breakdown and is sick in Minnesota. Just when she will be able to go and take up her work I do not know. She felt a deep burden for the southern work. Possibly you may remember that she was with us in Madison years ago. In the old days when I was in the state of Minnesota I found her and got her to go to Madison to help us in the work. She took the nurses course there and was a very efficient girl. Afterward a Sister Peck in Minnesota, whose husband is not an Adventist but who has been very kind to our people, agreed to put her through medical college and after she was through I wired Dr. Sutherland, asking if he did not want her for Madison, as she was willing to go. At that time he had Dr. Swift and felt he could not take on any more help. She then went to Portland, but as stated above, when Brother Sutherland called for her she was more than glad to give up her place there in order to join him. He wrote the other day that until it was settled whether she would be able to come or not he did not feel like calling for anybody else. This covers the Madison phase of the question.

In regard to others being interested in the Southern Highlands, I think the matter is about this way. Practically none of our students here know much of anything about the work there beyond what I have told them. They have never been there. So many of our students are from California. Not very many of them come from across the continent and their knowledge of the South and its needs is small. I have begged Brother Sutherland to come out here and spend awhile laying the needs of the South before us, and I have no doubt but what he can get some to go back there to engage with him in the work; but someone who has definite propositions as to places that need help and just what can be done, etc., needs to come here from the South and talk to them. I can, of course, talk to them in a general way, but I do not have the close touch with the work there now that I formerly had and consequently cannot lay definite propositions before them as I once could.

Again, you ask, "What is wrong that so many are anxious to go into private practice?" I think you must be misinformed on this. Up to the time when our nation entered the War approximately 96 or 98 percent, I have forgotten just which, of the graduates of this school were in our own work. This is a higher percentage by far of laborers definitely placed in the cause than is held by any other school amongst us. I have never known of another school in our midst having put as many workers in the field, proportionately, as Loma Linda has. When the War came, of course, it threw everything into hard shape. Practically every one of our young men was taken as medical officers in the Army and that situation is not entirely straightened out yet. There were 22 in that class and I think on the whole we have much to be thankful for concerning the way they have done.

For instance, Dr. Birkenstock is in Edinburgh getting ready to return to South Africa, the field from which he came. Dr. Frederick Bulpitt is in the work at Loma Linda and Dr. Roos is also at Loma Linda. Dr. Burgeson and his wife, Dr. Edna Burgeson, have gone to Hastings, Nebraska. Dr. Arthur Coyne has charge of our Dispensary. Dr. Hara is in the Japanese work here. Dr. Johnston is entering the service at St. Helena. Dr. Alma Larson was at Portland and when able will go to Madison. Dr. Clarence Nelson will be out of the Army in September and then join us here. Dr. Stump has gone to the Portland, Oregon, Sanitarium. Dr. Ruth Temple is in the colored work here amongst her own people. That makes 11 out of the 22 definitely doing what they can in the work. Of the others, Dr. John Bulpitt is sick with tuberculosis. Dr. Edwards has lain at death's door for months from a lung abscess following the Influenza. Dr. Richard Elvin was taken in the Canadian Army and is only just now getting out. Dr. Walter Lenker is just closing up his internship at the San Bernardino County Hospital. Dr. Maker has not finished with his Army internship at the Los Angeles Hospital. Dr. Mabel Butka has been sick and is now waiting for the return of her husband, Dr. Hersel Butka, from France. He takes charge of our laboratory here in Los Angeles and she in all probability will help him, which can fairly count her as the twelfth in the work. Wellesley was asked by the Pacific Union Conference to take Dr. Abbott's place at Covina until someone else could be found for it. He and Katherine will probably go to China as soon as the way opens for them to do that. Dr. Schlotthauer is a German and a most peculiar fellow and the breth-

ren did not feel that he would fit very well into any of our institutions. He is in private practice. Dr. Claude Steen is in private practice and ought not to be. Dr. Morlan has apostatized from the faith altogether. Dr. Feldkamp is in private practice and ought not to be. This covers the list and I cannot help but feel that the showing is remarkably good under the circumstances.

Of the class that has just graduated there are only five members and they are distributed as follows: Dr. Amyes goes to Scotland to get British recognition so he can return to his home in New Zealand and labor there. Dr. Falconer goes for a year to St. Helena and then joins Dr. Selmon in Shanghai, China. Dr. Earl Gardner interns here at the White Memorial for a year and then if present plans carry will go to Malaysia. Dr. Bummel has only just come into the truth, and in fact, was not an Adventist when he came to us from the University of California the middle of the school year just closed. He will be with us for a year at the White Memorial trying to learn more about the truth and our ways of doing things and what his future beyond that will be I do not know. Dr. Scoles is going out on a contract practice. His wife is such an extraordinary mortal and such a nuisance to him and everybody else that we could not recommend him to any institution.

Now, Sister Scott, some may think that our boys are not being very true to this work, but I think I can safely challenge any Adventist school on the face of the earth to show a much better record than this, and this in the face of the fact that more temptations to go into worldly work and practice favor our medical boys than any other class of student graduates amongst us.

Our medical evangelistic class has never been composed of really first class students. To be sure, there have always been some very fine people in that class, but many of them were not the very best timber by any means. However, practically all of that class this year is now in the work, and a number of them are in a self-supporting work. If Ed could only come out here and talk with them I am sure we could get up some money to pay the fares of some of them and get them to the South, but it is difficult to get them there when they have never been there and know nothing about it except what I tell them and when I have no definite propositions to put before them.

Yes, Thompson has set a wonderful example and it is having its effect. I only wish more of our doctors here were doing the way he is.

I am glad that we have all the money for the water plant and a good share of it for our laboratory building. Do not trouble about giving us anything on this.

I shall be able to get from other sources all that we will need.

I am glad to know that your bungalow is about finished. I am sure you will enjoy it and am glad Mr. Scott liked it. I did not know that he had made a trip to Vancouver.

I am so glad to know that you are getting better. Lillian is poorly. She has worked very hard and it is telling on her. Little Val has been very ill with appendicitis and had to be operated upon. He had a fulminating attack with peritonitis and we got the appendix out only in the nick of time. He is still in bed but is coming all right now.

Shaen is working hard. He will probably take a permanent job at carpenter work for the summer. He wants to earn all of his tuition that he can and, of course, during the school year for the next two years we will board and room him and if possible I shall endeavor to buy his books also. I think I shall be able to do this so as to relieve you of the burden you have carried for him in the past.

Many things about the work here worry me a great deal and I long for Ed, as I have no one here whom I feel that I know the way I do him and there is no one associated with me here who gets in the harness the way he and I used to be able to get under it together.

I will close with fond Christian love to you all. Let Ed read this letter if you feel so disposed.

As ever,

Your friend and brother,

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August 4, 1919

Doctor Percy T. Magan
1808 New Jersey ST
Los Angeles, California

Dear Doctor Magan:

Since receiving your letter written July 21st I have moved into our little bungalow and am now getting settled. Of course this is taking considerable of my time and my mail has been neglected.

I am particularly interested in your plans for getting out a book and for collecting Testimonies which relate to our medical work. I suppose those relating to out-of-door work will include the out of the cities message. This book I am sure will be invaluable to us. I will be glad to give a hundred dollars on the initial expense provided you can arrange to get this paid back in royalties on the book.

Thank you for explaining to me what is becoming of our medical graduates. I am glad they nearly all remain in the work. I see the necessity of someone from here making

a strong effort to interest them in self-sacrificing, self-supporting work, especially in the South.

I suppose Doctor Sutherland has written you about our organization here of our Medical Missionary Volunteers which will draw all like minded people into a closer union, and that will give the Madison extension work a stronger backing we hope.

I am so sorry to hear that little Val had to go through so serious an operation. Am glad he came through so well. I am getting so very much better all the time. Am surprised to see how much I am able to accomplish especially the last two weeks.

Thank you for all the details of your most interesting letter. With love to Doctor Lillian and Val and kindest regards to yourself,

Your sister,

Lida F. Scott

Dictated August 8, 1919

Mrs. Lida F. Scott
Madison, Tennessee

My dear Sister Scott:

It is getting near the time when the Medical College will open again for another year and I wanted to write you a little in regard to the matter of the students of whom you told me you would render some aid and assistance.

First of all, there is Miss Ethel Hennessy. You may remember that in your letter of January 17, 1919, to me you told me you would be willing to pay half her way and you asked me to keep your letter on file in case you might forget. I would appreciate it if some time during the next couple of weeks you would send me some money on account for her. Her expenses will probably run in the neighborhood of \$450, to \$500 for the year. Half of this will be between \$225 and \$250. It would not be necessary for all of your share of this money to come immediately, but if I could have some of it I would appreciate it. I think we will even have to pay her traveling fare from New York here, which, of course, makes the cost amount up a bit. She is such an exceptionally fine young woman and has been so true to this cause and worked in such a self-sacrificing way for it already that I feel like doing what I can for her.

You also wrote me in that same letter that you would pay for half the expense of another young woman in addition to Miss Hennessy in medical school, giving the preference to someone, if I could find such a person, who would be interested in medical work in the Southern Highlands. I have a young woman on my list who I have promised to

help her whole way through for whom I would like the assistance thus offered by you, and I will make up the other half from elsewhere. This is Miss Mary Dale, of Los Angeles, California. She is one of the most sober, Godly young women I know of. She has charge of the work amongst the children in this part of the country. Her folks are not Adventists so that she has a very hard time of it. She has made up all her premedical work this summer and will be ready to enter this fall. I have talked with her somewhat about going south and she has a burden for that field. Therefore, if you are willing to take my word on her I shall be glad of assistance for her. I do not know of two better young women in the country, or two young women from whom we have more chance of realizing good workers than these two.

Now while I am at it I want to lay another matter before you. Two years ago there graduated from this school a young doctor by the name of Ralph Smith. He was born in Nebraska and I have known his folks ever since I was a lad myself. He had to go to the Army and had a great experience in regard to the Sabbath but stayed by his guns and came out in good shape. Before the War closed he was a very trusted officer. After he got out he came to me and told me of his great burden to go to Mexico and start work there in medical missionary lines. He met a great deal of discouragement in this. The General Conference brethren agreed to send him and then wrote me afterwards that there was nothing doing. Finally, however, I got them to stand by their part of the contract which was that they would pay the railroad fare of himself and family to Mexico City and give him a small wage for three or four months, after which he would have to shift for himself. The lad had only a few hundred dollars in his pocket but he was determined to go. I borrowed \$142.50, which I gave him to buy a few instruments. Please do not think I am asking you to take care of this. I will handle that from some other source altogether, but here is the thing that is troubling me in regard to him now. In fact, I think I will enclose a letter I have just received from him which will give you an idea of the amount and what he is trying to do. You will see by this letter that he wants me to get him \$1,000, which he is willing to pay back. This money is to fit up an office for himself. He has some rich uncles and I have written them in his behalf but I do not know whether they will do anything or not. They were very anxious that he go into private practice and makes a lot of money. This he absolutely refused to do, so that they are not feeling as kindly toward him as they might be. Now if I get stuck and cannot borrow this money for him from other sources, would you be willing to loan at least a part of it? I will see that he gives you a note and I know the boy is good pay for I have helped him before.

You will forgive me for this brief and very business-like letter, but I am working my level best to get a lot of things done before Sabbath. If you will write me about the money for these young women in the near future I will greatly appreciate it.

I do not know whether I wrote you that little Val had been very sick and we were afraid for awhile we might lose him. He had to have his appendix out. It was just upon the point of rupturing when we got him on the operating table. He was mighty sweet about it. Lillian is quite poorly. Wellesley is also very poorly. He has overworked this summer and has had to lay off for awhile. I have a Dr. Donaldson taking his place. I seem to be tougher than any of the rest and to keep on the job. I feel thankful that you

had such an excellent time at the Convention for Medical Missionary Workers the other day. I am sure the Lord is with you all in this work.

We keep very full here at the Hospital and our Dispensary patronage is growing all the time. The Red Cross folk are now paying a social service worker for us for our tuberculosis clinic.

Much love to you all,

As ever,

Percy T. Magan

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August 24, 1919

Doctor Percy T. Magan
1808 New Jersey ST
Los Angeles, California

Dear Doctor Magan:

Your letter of August 8th in which you remind me of my promise to help Miss Ethel Hennessey by paying one half of her expenses and half the expenses of another young lady who has a burden for the Southern field received, and I am glad to enclose a check for \$375, \$125 for each of the two girls and \$125 for Shaen which you will credit to the account of each. Thank you for reminding me.

I was also interested in what you wrote me about Ralph Smith and would like very much to assist him, but feel that I ought not to do this. He seems like a very worthy young man and ought to be encouraged in the difficult field of his choice. If you cannot get the needed help elsewhere please write me again about him and I will see if I can do something though I am carrying such heavy burdens this year and am drawing so much of my principle that I should prefer not.

I feel rather burdened to push that book you are compiling from Sister White's writings. That ought to be gotten out by all means and I will pay \$100 or more on the initial expense even if I thought it could not be returned, rather than let it fail. I am enclosing check for \$150 for that now.

Thank you also for your second letter of August 10th. I realize that you have, and have had, a difficult task before you in standing for the high principles which have been committed to us and I feel that we must get out the book that you proposed no matter what the personal sacrifice is, and for my part I am willing to see it through. Personally I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the fact that you have set your face like flint though you seem to be all alone there. Your experience is much like that of Elijah, and I believe like him you will see God swing things around where there will be a strong stand made by the students and, we hope, the faculty for the special Testimonies which are the basis upon which the medical college was to be built.

I am sorry that Val was so very sick and that Wellesley also is sick. I trust that they are both entirely well by this time. I regret that Doctor Lillian is poorly. Give her and Val my love if you please. I certainly enjoy your letters and other good letters you send.

Very sincerely your sister,

Lida F. Scott

P.S. Your letter of August 15th in which you enclosed a copy of Brother Ford's letter, was received and read with interest. Thank you so much for keeping me in touch with our medical missionaries in the field. This young doctor in the Andes writes a splendid letter full of energy and enthusiasm. And I am sure you feel repaid for the special effort the school has made in his behalf.

We are just getting out a medical missionary number of the Survey explaining our reasons for organizing the Medical Missionary Volunteers. We have been searching the Testimonies and are ready with ammunition, or rather; we'll give all our ammunition in this number and then keep quiet! You understand the best way to fight in this kind of battle, the non-resistance kind. We are nothing but a fog instead of the stone wall they think us anyway. Their missiles will not rebound but will pass through and disappear, and when there is no fighting back, how can the battle rage? God is certainly leading out and we must not fear what men may say or do. Let us know what you think of the Volunteer number. L.F.S.

Madison Tennessee
August 16, 1921

Percy T. Magan, M.D.
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Los Angeles, California

My dear Doctor Magan:

Thank you very much for your interesting letter of August 4. In regard to Miss Spindle of whom you wrote, I am willing to help bring her here after hearing from her but so far, we have had no direct correspondence with the young woman, and we do not know her state of mind. Thank you for writing me about her. Dr. Sutherland will let me know when definite arrangements have been made with her. I think she would be a very useful woman for us.

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$300 for half of Miss Hennessey's expenses for the coming year. You will please see that this is applied to her account so that there will be no further expense so far as I am concerned. I am dealing with Mary Dale direct this year. She certainly is a fine young woman and has done acceptable work. She takes well, too, with the patients here.

I was on the point of going to California this coming Thursday night with some of my girls who are leaving then; but I am obliged to remain here a while longer. We have received some straggling cards from the Brownsbergers as they are winging their way across the plains to California. We had a card from them yesterday written from Santa Fe; so they ought to be there on time. We ought to have a strong corps of workers when these young folks get their training. The Lord is surely planning for something that we cannot wholly foresee; but it will be plainer to us as time goes on.

I am returning the report you enclosed. It made very interesting reading; and Doctor, Mother D., Miss DeGraw and I all enjoyed it and were much interested in the revelations. We are, of course, keeping it confidential and are the only ones who have read it. We shall be interested in watching developments. Thank you very much for giving us this insight into affairs.

The Lord will surely work out the plan He has for the Medical College if the physicians will stand with Him. Sometimes I am a little afraid of the influence of these outside men who are so willing to come onto the Faculty when we get an "A" rating. I know that the Lord cannot be pleased with the dispensation of drugs, as I understand is being done. I know you are meeting many difficulties and problems; but Oh! I do wish our coming medical men would have a strong training against the use of all drugs that have been forbidden in the Spirit of Prophecy. I dread to think of their coming out as teachers and evangelists with consciences that have been in any way violated. One reason I have been willing to put my money into this college is because I have felt that it would take a strong stand against drugs and that hydrotherapy would be a big factor in healing the sick. Of course I know that there must be continually a strong pressure brought to bear from the A.M.A. and from the outside medical profession. It will require great courage and determination to resist; but I know it will pay to wholly follow God's plans.

I am glad our young men and women appreciate the advantages which are offered there. I pray that they will have a vision of what can be accomplished through the medical evangelistic work, and that they will be broad-minded in accepting truth from all quarters, and that they will be able to discriminate between right and wrong, and that they

will have the courage to stand stiffly for what they know to be true. I pray that the Lord will help these students to reach His high standard.

I note what you say about the new nurses' home that will house approximately 82 women besides giving a dining room and serving room for the school and classrooms. The brethren certainly did well to give you this. I can appreciate the fact that you have heavy responsibilities in looking after so many young people, especially in the city.

I am interested in your country home plan for the White Memorial Hospital. I hope it will not be too grand an affair, but will be conservatively small, as money is needed to start "many" sanitariums. We are told that there should be one near every city where there is a church in the South. I hope you can get that base you describe in your letter. It certainly sounds like a big opportunity and very attractive.

I am sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Pulpitt. I trust that the young men you speak of will be able to build up the department in dietetics and metabolism as that should be another strong feature of our work.

It is interesting to see how Elder Daniells is waking up in regard to our medical work.

Thank you for giving the information concerning Dr. Earl Gardner and Dr. Arthur Kretchmar. I am interested, of course, in their passing final examinations in London. They certainly have proved an honor to our medical school. I feel very proud of Dr. Earl Gardner particularly as I had a part in helping him with his medical education.

Yes, I have the papers concerning the Nels Anderson mortgage right here. Let me know if I should send them to you direct. Shall I sign them over to the purchaser and thus avoid the annoyance of passing them through College View? I will do as you direct.

No, I have not yet received the dividend you speak of, and I do not know whether I will receive it or not. I will have to let you know about this later. I am sorry that you are being delayed, but glad that you have received some such royal gifts.

We are all very, very sorry to hear of little Val's sickness. It is pitiful to think of his being unable to walk. I do trust that his life will be spared, and that he will come out of this better than you dare to hope.

The dear little fellow has such a fine little mind. I suppose he is taking his illness like the little philosopher that he is. It is wonderful how the Lord works with His little Christians and encourages them to fight their battles; and how much faith they develop. I know your hearts must be very sore as you are obliged to see him suffer; and I trust that by now he is well on the highway to recovery.

Give my love to Doctor Lillian and Val and Shaen. I do trust that Shaen has passed his State Board.

Very sincerely your sister,

Lida F. Scott

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P.S. The letter you enclosed is yours of the 7th. I enjoyed particularly the one from W.F. Miller who tells of his experiences in Bartle, Cuba. I like the idea of the farm, school and treatment room combination and it shows how this kind of a school meets the needs and attracts attention. I enjoyed the experiences of those nurses doing reconstruction work at a First Aid Post in no man's land. Mrs. Stewart writes from the Isle of Bute. I have taken long walks in the country around Rothsay and so can picture her surroundings.

Thank you for the letters L.F.S.

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Afterwards

Percy Magan served as dean of the Los Angeles division of the College of Medical Evangelists until 1928, when the Board of Directors elected him president of the entire operation. He retired in June, 1942 and died December 16, 1947.

Lida Scott moved to the Madison College campus and lived there the rest of her life. She used her personal fortune as a base for founding the Layman Foundation in 1924 for financially supporting the work of Madison and its extended units and died May 4, 1945.

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