

Ellen White's First Visit to Loma Linda

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As Sister White stepped from the express wagon to the ground she said to her son who was with her, "Willie, I have been here before." He said, "No, mother, you have never been here." "Then this is the very place the Lord has shown me, for it is all familiar." Addressing another who stood by, she said, "We must have this place. We should reason from cause to effect. The Lord has not given us this property for any common purpose."

As she walked about the grounds and the buildings at Loma Linda, she frequently remarked, "This is the very place the Lord has shown me.... A school will be established here....

Battle Creek is going down. God will establish His medical work at this place."

"We are further from the true picture of medical missionary work than when we first began. He never designed that our work should blossom out in the professional and commercial way in which it stands before the world today. We have educated bedside nurses. He intended that we should educate missionary nurses to go into the homes of the people and the villages, towns, and cities, ministering to the people, singing Gospel songs, and giving Bible readings. Those who do this work will reap a rich harvest of souls, both from the higher and lower walks of life."