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DONALD E. DAVENPORT, '15

Dr. Donald E. Davenport came to Loma Linda in 1909, spending a year in the nurses' training course and entering upon the study of medicine one year later, joining the second medical class at Loma Linda. He was married to Miss Pearl Hoyt, a graduate of the Loma Linda School of Nursing, in the year 1912. Soon after graduating in 1915, Dr. Davenport left with his family for China, being the first doctor to be sent out from Loma Linda as a foreign missionary. He was stationed in Yencheng, Honan, where he pioneered the medical work. After working with simple equipment for a time he became anxious to see a medical institution established in that province. With the help of Brother R. J. Brown, Frederick Lee, and others, he secured contributions from prominent Chinese to the extent of several thousand dollars. With this money a twenty bed hospital and dispensary was erected together with the necessary buildings to care for the native nurses and helpers. He was appointed railroad surgeon for the Peking-Hankow railway in his district. I remember Dr. Davenport telling me on one occasion that so far as he knew he was one of only four foreign doctors to care for the eighteen million in the province of Honan. Because of this he was often called to distant points to care for serious cases.

While in China their second child, a little girl, was laid to rest.

The Doctor and his family returned to the States on furlough in the year 1921, spending the greater part of the year at Pacific Union College. During this time he taught and took some work, receiving his B. A. degree, besides assisting in medical work in the St. Helena Sanitarium. Later he returned to Shanghai, China,

doing medical work in the city mission until the year 1924, at which time his wife returned to America on account of her health, the doctor returning about three months later.

For about four years the family resided in Mountain View where Dr. Davenport built up a very successful practice. In 1928 he accepted a call to the Washington Sanitarium. Here he worked faithfully up to the time of his last illness, the true nature of which did not manifest itself at first. As he continued to get worse a diagnosis was arrived at which was confirmed by Dr. Dandy of John Hopkins who made an unsuccessful attempt to relieve him by surgical operation. This operation, however, served to make the Doctor more comfortable and free him from the pain he had formerly suffered, and he was able to return home and be about for some months preceding his death. During his last illness he was honored by receiving his degree as Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, which he received in absentia. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and five children of the immediate family, besides numerous relatives and a great circle of friends. His oldest son, Donald Junior, is now attending Washington Missionary College in preparation for the medical course at Loma Linda.

The Yencheng Hospital and Mission has continued to grow and still stands in China as a memorial of Dr. Davenport's faithful, consecrated effort in the cause of foreign missions.

Many are the friends who sympathize with the bereaved family and who mourn the passing of a faithful friend and physician who never spared himself in his efforts to relieve his patients.

O. S. Parrett, M. D., Class of 1915.

C.M.E. ALUMNI CLINICAL CONGRESS

Even Southern California earthquakes fail to inhibit the scientific pursuits of the Alumni of the College of Medical Evangelists. On the contrary, it seemed as though the week-end disturbances in the old earth's weak crust acted as sufficient stimuli to produce a record attendance. Our doctors came from near and far, with Dr. Mamie Palleson holding the long distance record, she having traveled down from Walnut Grove.

The day of March 12, 1933, will go down in the annals of the Alumni Association as the date of the first Clinical Congress to be sponsored by the association. If the reports which were voiced by many of those in attendance are indices to the general opinion of this type of program, it can be considered a great success. Of course, it was impossible for every one to attend everything which was going on. However it was of interest to note that, as a general rule, no one clinic or demonstration was overcrowded at the expense

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HERBERT C. JAMES, '17

Wai Chow, Kwangtung, China

As the new year brings short-comings to mind, and stimulates new resolutions, we wish to cancel some of the past obligations by a word of thanks, if nothing more. It seems, no doubt, that we have gotten quite weaned away from our Alma Mater, judging from our failure to send word more often, but that is not so. We appreciate the visits of the *Evangelist* and the *Journal* and their contents are consumed shortly after their arrival. The Alumni membership cards so kindly sent some time ago were also thankfully received. They made us feel more than ever that we were a part of the school again.

Although we are strangers to most of the students of the past few years, yet we are all as one great family whose interests are worldwide, having one object in view—"Gathering Home." We are all out gathering for the great home-coming, a great reclamation project of universal interest. How it touches our hearts to see in this land of darkness and need a few who are willing to hear the call, "Come Home."

Just one week ago tonight we were led across the city through the cold and rain to a small hovel which some one called home, there to bring into this world of darkness another little creature who could easily have passed off as dead. The question arises, why bring it into a life of misery? There is no reason for it except for the hope that by so doing we might be able also to bring a hope of the future life into that darkened home. There, surrounded by several women, friends and relatives, all calling for the spirit of the child by calling its father's name, we worked. The light of their flickering candles, the smoke and blackness of everything within gave a weird appearance suggestive of the condition of the minds of these poor, benighted, superstitious souls. That they have a hope or fear of some future is manifested by their steadfast ancestral worship; also by the many gods of brass, stone, wood, and clay found in the temples, wayside shrines, and homes. Many times a simple form of worship, such as the burning of incense sticks, is carried on in front of the shops or on the streets.

We often have patients in the hospital who seem to be progressing well and are apparently quite satisfied, but unexpectedly some one of their family comes in and preparations are hurriedly made to leave. It is useless to ask why or try any means of persuasion to change their course, for in their worship there was a chance slip of one of the prayer sticks when they were violently shaken in the container, or perhaps it was two blocks with requests written upon

them that were used. These would be tossed as coins are sometimes in casting lots. One such sign as this may indicate that the hospital is not the place that is suitable for the welfare of the patient at this time. Therefore, he must be moved immediately even though the condition is so serious as to hazard his life. Reason seems to be lacking, or is entirely cast aside at such a time, and the blind lead the blind.

The great question is how to reach the hearts of these people. One must gain their confidence, and this is best done through ministry to their physical ills. Superstition and ancestral worship have been a great hindrance to their advancement intellectually as it has made them very self-satisfied. And so a desire must be created in their hearts for something better. Patience and love made understandable by acts of kindness are two great essentials in reaching their hearts. As children, they must be trained from the beginning, for they do not have the background and understanding as do we who were reared in a Christian land.

This is the time of the Chinese New Year, the great festal season of the year. It is the time when the daily round is broken, and the only time with many unless sickness breaks their routine. Debts must be settled for the year. Things within and outside the home must be cleaned and put in order, even to the washing of the furniture, such as it is. Worship in the temples and the homes with the burning of thousands of dollars worth of incense, candles, and fire crackers, takes third place to gambling and feasting. Tomorrow is the great day of the feast and many are the woes thereof. Many persons suffer severely following the new year's week of indiscretions, as we have had occasion to witness in patients admitted at that time. This is also a time when the robbers are busy. Every night we hear shooting and sometimes the shouts and screams of those who are frightened by the thieves.

During this time the work of the hospital is very light as all who are able to return to their homes must be there for a few days at least. This gives opportunity for our nurses to have a little time for recreation and they are enjoying the change. I also hope to make use of a little of this time in taking a few more motion pictures. By the way, if the Alumni wish to send us some 16 mm. films, we shall be glad to use them in taking pictures of interesting things which cross our path in daily work that might be of use to the school.

We shall be having our second furlough in June and hope then to meet old acquaintances and make new ones at our Alma Mater.

Lowanho, Honan, China

In my last letter I wrote you about the case with the enlarged muscles, the patient having lumps throughout these muscles. A biopsy proved he had somatic distribution of cysticercus cellulosa, the scolex form of the hog tapeworm scattered throughout his body. Can any of you give a treatment for this condition? The patient still comes to the clinic hoping he can be cured.

We had much cholera in Honan during the summer. All types of the disease appeared. The sicca form killed them in just two to three hours. We gave thousands of injections. I injected three hundred and sixty in four hours for a record one day. We treated many cases in the hospital and sent hundreds away with Bolus alba or Kaolin to stir up with water and drink at half-hour or hourly intervals. In the United States you have never seen such shock or collapse as these poor hollow-eyed, dehydrated, cyanotic, moribund, cases presented. At the outbreak I gave three injections of cholera vaccine to every hospital worker. No cholera has stricken any of our workers or any to whom we gave three injections. Several who had only one injection contracted the disease. We feel to praise our kind Heavenly Father for His protection and care over all our Chinese and foreign workers during this terrible plague.

I have recently been using a new method for curing opium addiction which is proving a great success. We recently had nine high-class Chinese under this treatment at one time in our hospital. I am writing a report on fifty cases soon for the literature, giving the technique.

Remember me to old classmates and friends, and especially to the members of the Faculty whose earnest, faithful work with us students I appreciate more and more as time goes by.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Nominating Committee submits the following names for the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. This is in accordance with Article VII, Section 2, of the By-Laws. Other nominations may be made by any member according to Article VII, Section 3, of the By-Laws.
 William C. Clough, 5344 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach.
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 Elmer Mortensen, 475 17th St., Santa Monica.
 Roy Shipley, 6619 S. Normandie, Los Angeles.
 Thomas S. Whitelock, 4778 Panorama Drive, San Diego.

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of the others. The Dispensary building lent itself admirably as a place for such a gathering.

There was a great feeling of satisfaction and amiability in being back in school again, sitting beside old class mates and receiving instruction from many of the professors who were responsible for giving to most of those in attendance their introductory knowledge concerning the practice of medicine. The enthusiasm with which these instructors entered into the program is not duplicated outside the circles of scientific endeavor.

During the time that the Clinical Congress was in session in the Dispensary, the Ladies' Auxiliary held its meeting in Paulson Hall. At six forty-five the doctors met their wives and friends in Paulson Hall where all were entertained by motion pictures of school and alumni activities. At seven o'clock the entire group assembled in the school cafeteria where lunch was served and a program of entertainment was enjoyed. This consisted of selections by an accordion band, vocal selections by Mr. John Ganton, whose association with us in a musical way is greatly appreciated; violin selections by the accomplished son of Dr. William Heidenreich, songs by the "Bards," vocal selections by the Nurses' Octet, and an enjoyable demonstration of "presto-digitation" by Mr. George E. Postle. Question please! Did Dr. Thomason really get home with his own coat on?

Walter E. Macpherson, M. D.

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Did You Know That

Charles L. Janne, '21, of the Santa Clara Hospital, San Jose, California, had a part in the discussion, "Does The Preventorium Prevent Tuberculosis?" according to the program of the Annual Meeting of the California Tuberculosis Association. This meeting was held at Hotel Coronado, Coronado, Calif., on Friday, Mar. 10.

L. C. Kellogg, '22, has had about a hundred doctors take his postgraduate course in Dissection and Applied Anatomy. He is planning to offer a concentrated nine-day course the last two weeks of June, at Loma Linda.

H. N. Greaves, A.M.M.C. '06, writes from Champaign, Illinois: "I wish to express my thanks for the recent copies of the *Journal* which you were kind enough to send me. Please continue to send them and enter my subscription therefor. I notice that you have Dr. W. E. Bliss as being in Massachusetts. I was fortunate in having a very pleasant meeting with him last Fall at Hinsdale where he is in charge of the Sanitarium. My residence address is 202 W. Iowa St., Urbana, Illinois."

Elisabeth Larsson, '32, has a residency in Gynecology at the Los Angeles General Hospital.

Alice Mantz-Kani, A.M.M.C. '03, writes from Omaha, Nebraska: "Received a very pleasant surprise in the Directory which you sent me. Was glad to learn what had become of the old A.M.M.C. members. We have been practicing in Omaha twenty-five years this August. Occasionally an old A.M.M.C. student calls upon us and it is always a real treat. Trust there will be more that call since they have the Directory to locate us."

Lydia E. Kynett-Parmele, 1900; Vahan Pampayan, '02; and H. J. Williams, '06, were among the A.M.M.C. members who attended the Clinical Congress on March 12.

Maud Otis-Vollmer, A.M.M.C. '02, writes from the Lutheran Hospital, of Moline, Illinois, that she was very glad to get the Directory and to see the old A.M.M.C. members included.

Julius F. Schneider, '21, writes from Atlanta, Georgia: "The Directory reached me O. K. I did not expect to get one on exhausted credit and feel undeserving of this favor. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Alumni Assn. . . . We have many evidences of God's loving care for us. Our progress is slow, but onward. We wish you all a grand time for March 12."

C. Randall Knox, A.M.M.C. '03, of El Cajon, Calif., writes: "I have received one copy of your interesting little paper, 'the Journal of the Alumni Association,' as well as the Alumni Directory for 1933, for which I want to thank you. The plans for the Clinical Conference at the White on March 12 sound very interesting and if it is at all possible, I shall attend."

The Alumni Office has received a reprint from *California and Western Medicine* entitled, "Mesenteric Thrombosis," by Frederick Niemand, '30.

Gertrude Johnson, A.M.M.C. '04, of Battle Creek, Michigan, writes that William J. McCormick's (A.M.M.C. '05) address is 16 Gothic Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Robert I. Hodgin, '31, has opened offices in the West Coast Theater Building, Ontario, Cal.

The first section Sophomores entertained the Juniors at Loma Linda on March 19 with a very unique Home-Coming.

The Alumni *Journal* is accepting advertisements and business announcements for publication. The cost is \$1.00 per column inch.

Rae B. Gibson, '31, has just recently connected with the Veterans' Administration Hospital of Oteen, North Carolina.

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