

# MILTON and LYMAN STEWART

Mary Stewart's husband, Milton, and his brother Lyman Stewart became caught up in the 1850's search for Black Gold. Their early ventures in the East led them on to the new oil fields of Southern California. The brothers were Scots Presbyterian Covenanters with a devout faith in their Lord. Through a series of failures along with successes in drilling they became wealthy as the founders of the Union Oil Company. The Stewarts used their immense wealth to support many Fundamental Christian causes. Lyman Stewart took the lead as they built the massive downtown Church of the Open Door. They created the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (now known as BIOLA University). They also reached out to the poor and downtrodden in Los Angeles by founding the Union Rescue Mission. The Stewarts were among the founders of Occidental College, they sponsored missions to China, and funded publications to support the truth of Orthodox Christian theology. After Milton's death Mary carried out her husband's desire to devote their wealth to the honor of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## STEWART REST COTTAGE

An account from our archives tells us about the first Rest Cottage: "A SMALL 4 ROOM BUNGALOW BECAME A REST HOME FOR THOSE ALONE IF THEY BECAME SICK AND NEEDED CARE IF TOO ILL TO BE ALONE IN THEIR APARTMENTS. SPECIAL PERMISSION WAS REQUIRED IF THEY NEEDED CARE FOR MORE THAN ONE WEEK. ONE NURSE MISS ANDERSON LOOKED AFTER THEM BOTH DAY AND NIGHT. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO HER WORK AND THE ONLY COMPLAINT I EVER HEARD HER MAKE WAS HER FAILURE TO MAKE THE BOARD REALIZE THAT MOPS AND BROOMS AND CLEANING MATERIALS WERE NECESSARY FOR ANY SICK ROOM AND SHE NEEDED MONEY TO GET THEM."

## DR. VANCE A. ANDERSON

The Archive account continues: "FOR YEARS DR. ANDERSON VOLUNTEERED HIS SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE, UNTIL THE BOARD TOOK ACTION TO ASK EACH PATIENT TO PAY A SMALL CHARGE FOR EACH CALL. LATER AFTER RETIREMENT AN EXCEPTION WAS MADE IN APPRECIATION AND HE AND HIS WIFE WERE PERMITTED TO BECOME RESIDENTS." Dr. Anderson served from 1937 to 1968. He became known by the residents as the Beloved Physician.