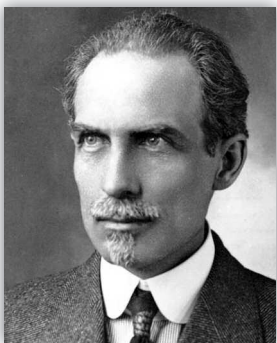


Centennial Moments

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Early presidents of CME



WARREN EUGENE HOWELL
First president, 1906-1907

Elder Howell was an educator, missionary, author, and editor, known fondly to his circle of friends belting the globe as “Professor Howell.”

Throughout his varied appointments his service was marked by earnest devotion and careful efficiency, and he was always highly esteemed at whatever he did. He was called by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to be administrative officer of the Loma Linda College of Evangelists during its first year of operation. In 1907 he left to answer a call to Greece as a missionary.

Returning to the United States in 1909, he became principal of the Fireside Correspondence School, now Home Study International, for four years. For 12 years he traveled widely as General Conference secretary in the department of education. From 1930 to his death in 1943 he was secretary to the president of the General Conference. His largest and most effective contribution to the work of God was his clear vision of the high ideals and lofty purposes of true Christian education, which he expounded by pen and voice. He was indeed a Christian gentleman. Though deep in his convictions, he was always gracious, kind, and willing to respond to the call of duty.

GEORGE K. ABBOTT
Second president, 1907-1909

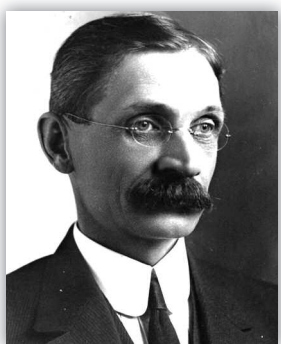
George Knapp Abbott, was a nationally known educator, physician, surgeon, author, and hospital executive for the Seventh-day

Adventist Church.

He was a graduate of the American Medical Missionary College at Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1903. He served as president of Loma Linda College of Evangelists from 1907-1909, and was the first



dean of the College of Medical Evangelists and medical superintendent of the Sanitarium from 1911 to 1914. Dr. Abbott was engaged in denominational work for more than 32 years, serving as medical director of several Adventist sanitariums and hospitals, retiring at the ripe age of 71. A man of progressive interests and vigorous leadership, Dr. Abbott was the author of a dozen books on physical therapy, diet, and nutrition.



WELLS A. RUBLE
Third president, 1910-1914

Wells Allen Ruble was a physician and missionary. He, like his predecessor, was a graduate of the American Medical Missionary College in 1906.

From 1906 to 1910 he was secretary of the General Conference medical department as well as editor of the journal *Life and Health*. He became the first president of the consolidated College of Medical Evangelists in 1910. He continued as president

until the summer of 1914. In addition to his duties as president, he was professor of pathology and director of the Loma Linda Sanitarium.

During his term as president, a number of significant faculty members were hired, which was a difficult task since the American Medical Association was closing medical schools rather than encouraging the opening of them.

Dr. Ruble's next significant post of duty was in Europe until 1929. Apparently destined to be a medical director, his remaining years of service were in that capacity. This man is a part of Seventh-day Adventist medical history—as much a part as hands are to a clock. From the earliest minutes of the denomination's entrance into a medical program until his retirement in 1943 at age 75, he gave an uninterrupted term of service. Most of these 50 years were in an administrative capacity.



EDWARD HENRY RISLEY
Fifth president, 1927-1928

Edward Henry Risley was a physician, minister, administrator, teacher, and brilliant chemist.

He established the first chemical research laboratory at W. K. Kellogg food company. It is reported that he was the youngest medical student to ever be admitted to the American Medical Missionary College in 1904. He was professor of chemistry at CME for nearly 30 years. He became president of the College of Medical Evangelists in 1927. He helped to establish the CME School of Dietetics.