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UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS AT 75

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IT BEGINS with a dream, an opportunity and a challenge. Together Town and Gown seized the hour and the University of Redlands became a responsibility. Chartered on the 25th day of November in 1907, the University of Redlands did not admit its first students until September 1909. The intervening year served as a seedbed for honing concepts, seeking a faculty, appointing trustees, and determining academic policy. The story of the University of Redlands at seventy-five years is the story of an institution much changed from its founding and yet in spirit unchanged from its original commitment to educate not only the mind but also the heart.

The birth of a college located in the city of Redlands owes itself to a peculiar set of circumstances. A devastating earthquake in San Francisco in 1906, the failure of an American Baptist college in Los Angeles, the energetic skill of the Rev. Jasper Newton Field, and the determination of businessmen in Redlands.

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