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*Plan as though we had a thousand years  
Live as though we had 1 day*

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Pacific Union College  
Angwin, California

Dear Brother

We have your letter in which you ask for the source of a statement like this, "We should plan as though we had a thousand years in which to work and live as though we had but one day." We do not know of a statement like this in Sister White's writings, Brother Ashbaugh. I think it may be a combination of statements that appear in different places.

I have not been able to find anything to corroborate the first statement, planning as though we had a thousand years. In Mount of Blessing, page 101, and Testimonies, vol. 7, page 44, you will find some significant statements about living as though we had but one day. In regard to building substantially, see Evangelism, page 378. Read also Volume 6, pages 440, 441, regarding the increasing facilities for our work. We all know that time has continued much longer than the pioneers of the message expected, and experience has proven that it does not pay to build flimsy buildings.

Trusting that what I have written will be of some help to you,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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