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## A PROMISE OF LIFE ETERNAL

*(Concluded)*

THE apostle Peter realized the value of constant vigilance in the Christian life, and he felt impelled by the Holy Spirit to urge upon the believers the importance of exercising great carefulness in the daily life. "Yea," he writes, "I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me. Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance."

"Always in remembrance." Oh, if those who claim to be Christians would always keep before their minds those things that pertain to their eternal welfare, they would not engage in any foolishness or idle speaking! Their life-work is set before them with unmistakable clearness. It is for them to give diligence to make their calling and election sure, by giving heed to the plain instruction contained in God's holy Word.

There are many wrong things that are often allowed to pass by unnoticed, when by a godly conversation the people of God might set an example of right-doing that would be a standing rebuke to evil-doers. None can afford, by unwise actions, even to seem to sanction wrong-doing. There is a heaven to win, and a hell to shun. In large churches of believers, especially in connection with important institutions maintained for the advancement of the cause of God, there is special danger of lowering the standard. Where many are gathered in one place, some are more liable to grow careless and indifferent than they would be if isolated and made to stand alone. But even under circumstances more or less adverse to spiritual development, the child of God may watch unto prayer, and set an example in godly conversation that will be a powerful testimony for the right.

"He that lacketh these things is blind." Unless transformed in character, from grace to grace, there

are many who will be unable to discern the needs of a dying world. May God help those who are now indifferent, to be reconverted, and to realize their responsibilities in these times of well-nigh universal apostasy, when so many know that the time of their visitation is near.

Brethren and sisters, Christ is soon coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. He desires us to act our part faithfully in the closing work of warning the world. But unbelief is heavy; it presses upon the soul; and having been received and cherished, it is revealed in our apathy and indifference toward those who are as yet unwarned.

Let us put away our unbelief. Let us humble ourselves before God, and with sanctified tongue begin to witness for him wherever we are. Thus we shall give proof to the world that we are indeed followers of Jesus. Our words and actions should be of a character that will win souls to the One whom we have professed to love and obey. Oh, we must have more of the love of Jesus in the soul. We must dwell more on the things that have to do with our eternal destiny and the salvation of precious souls all about us. We must seek to come into harmony with the mind of God, as revealed in his Word. We need to feel intensely over these matters, and look constantly to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Oh, that we might allow our minds to dwell more on the rich promises, the comforting assurances, set before us in the Holy Scriptures! I desire an inheritance among the sanctified. I desire to share with you the reward of the faithful. I long to do all I can, while in this world of sin and darkness, to enlighten those who as yet have no hope of heaven and of life eternal.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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"TO-MORROW'S triumphs will not compensate for to-day's inaction. Opportunities, like orders, are not waiting around to be served on silver platters. You must dig for them."

**FROM THE KENTUCKY CANVASSING FIELD**

THE canvassers' institute at Moreland closed March 2. We had a rousing testimony meeting the last morning, which showed that it was greatly appreciated, and had inspired new hope and courage in this work.

We separated with the feeling that now we are prepared to do better service for the Lord.

Brother Wheeler returned to Hart County, where he will continue working for "Daniel and the Revelation." He had a splendid two-days delivery. But since then he has not been well, so he could not put in good time.

Brother Beck returned to Monroe County. He writes that he is enjoying the work there. He is treated so well by the people. A Methodist minister speaks highly of "Daniel and the Revelation," and is using his influence to help Brother Beck in selling it.

Brother Weber returned to Russell County, and has just finished a successful delivery of 150 "Bible Footlights." He is now finishing up Adair County.

I came here to Campbellsville in company with Brethren W. P. Ethington, his son Herschel, and M. D. Landon to assist them in getting started with "Bible Footlights." Herschel Ethington is working in the upper part of Green County, and the other two in Taylor County. We find this good territory in which to work. The people are friendly and hospitable, and we are having good success, for which we praise the Lord.

Brother Carmichael has gone to Indiana to visit his sister a few days. Then he expects to return and resume his work with "Desire of Ages." As soon as Brother Jacob White can leave home he is ready to begin work with "Daniel and the Revelation." His wife has been very ill.

C. F. DART.

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**FIRST CANVASSING EXPERIENCES**

THE following are extracts from letters just received from those who went from our late institute to Taylor County to canvass:—

"I wish I could tell all my experiences since I have been in Taylor County. Here is one. I went to a large house; no one was at home, but two large dogs seemed ready to attack me; but I think the Lord protected me as he did Daniel in the lions' den, for the people around there said a stranger never went into that yard without being bitten. This is not my work, but the Lord's, and it is none of my choosing, but I thank him that he does watch and care for me and gives me success. Enclosed you will find my report for week ending March 19, for \$38. I put in hard work, sixty-three hours' time."

This is his first experience in the field. He is one of the young men that thought he could do nothing

at the canvassing work. This is another report for the same week: "I was very glad to hear from you. Your letters are very encouraging to us workers. I am encouraged in the work. The Lord has given me many blessings this last week, and helped me in taking orders and finding a suitable place to stay over night. I am of good courage, and expect to stick to the work. I put in 40 hours and my orders amount to \$22.50."

Another faithful canvasser writes: "The Lord has been with me this week and given me success in taking orders. We are sowing the seed. Let us pray that the Lord will send more laborers forth to the work."

KENTUCKY TRACT SOCIETY.

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**TRAINING SCHOOL ITEMS**

THE annual meeting of the Southern Training School board was held according to appointment, at Graysville, March 6 and 7. The board gave considerable time to the study of the problems of the school. It was voted to establish several industries, and to strengthen those we already have.

The annual report of the principal showed that the school was holding its own, although it had not grown much in the way of increased enrolment.

A careful consideration of our needs led the board to vote to build a boys' dormitory capable of rooming from twenty-five to thirty boys. The school already owns about seven hundred dollars worth of lumber. Work will be commenced on the dormitory in the near future.

The class in botany, which was organized about six weeks ago, is doing excellent work. Just now the agricultural department of the school is quite alive preparing ground, and getting in the crops for another year.

**SUMMER SCHOOL FOR WHITE TEACHERS**

According to vote of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences, a summer school for white teachers will be held at Graysville, beginning June 13, and lasting four weeks. At the close of the school, two days will be set aside for examinations.

It is very much desired that all educational superintendents in both unions be present the entire time. Plans are being matured so that expenses for board will be very light. All who are recommended by their conference president will receive tuition free; bring your recommendation with you.

Those who are interested should correspond with the educational secretary.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

Graysville, Tenn.

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CANON COLE, of the English Church, made a public statement in Sierra Leone, that the Seventh-Day Adventists are right on the Sabbath question.

**THE NEW SELF-DENIAL BOX**

FOR several years the Southern Missionary Society has been putting out a Self-denial Box for the purpose of securing funds for the work among the colored people of the South.

This is in harmony with the light God has given us through his servant, Sister White. I quote only a few statements from the great amount that has been given on this subject.

"I present to you this portion of the Master's vineyard, which has been neglected, but which must be worked. I make an earnest appeal to all who love the Lord Jesus to do all they can to help at this important time.

"The Lord instructed me that much could be accomplished by placing Self-denial Boxes in the homes of our people. I acted upon the light given. I am glad to learn that the love of Christ has moved many hearts, and that so large a number have responded. My heart says: Thank God for the good results seen. The money sent in from these Self-denial Boxes helps in the accomplishment of the great and good work that we desire to see done.

"Many should become interested in the work of placing these boxes in homes. Ask old and young to aid the work for the colored people by placing these boxes in every home possible. A blessing will surely follow the gifts of self-denial thus brought to the Master.

"Tell the little ones about the work that is being done for the colored children who have been so greatly neglected. Tell them that the money they put into the Self-denial Boxes is used in giving colored children some of the blessings which white children are so abundantly provided with."

"My brethren and sisters everywhere: I wish to ask if you would not regard it a privilege to lay aside a certain sum weekly for the Southern field. Will you not put in a prominent place in your home a box with the inscription, 'For the work among the colored people of the South?' Will you not ask your children to put into this box the money that they would otherwise spend for candy and other needless things? When visitors come to your home they will see the box, and will ask in regard to it. Let the children tell the story of their effort to help a needy missionary field by denying self."

"Every church-member should cherish a spirit of sacrifice. In every home there should be taught lessons of self-denial. Keep in your homes a Self-denial Box into which you can put the money saved by little acts of self-denial."

"Invite those not of our faith to do all they can for the advancement of this work. The Lord has placed the responsibility upon them. He expects them to act their part. As they have received so they are to impart.

**CANVASSING REPORT**

**Southern Union Conference**

**For Week Ending March 12, 1910**

**ALABAMA CONFERENCE**

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Value	Delivered
W G Ringgold.....	BFL	46	\$62 85	\$ 1 00
R T Jacks.....	BFL	19		61 00
R I Keate.....	BFL	36	37 50	
K Skidmore.....	—	64		31 00
Arthur Nelson.....	—	33	21 50	
I W Peavy.....	—	38	20 00	
R Roberts.....	—	33	17 75	2 75

**For Week Ending March 19, 1910**

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

H E Beck.....	D&R	46	31 45	3 35
C F Dart.....	BFL	20	12 50	50
Herschel Ethington.....	BFL	40	22 50	1 00
W P Ethington.....	BFL	43	32 50	2 00
M D Landon.....	BFL	63	38 00	2 50
M J Weber.....	BFL	52	27 05	40 90
M Wheeler.....	D&R	50	35 50	10 25

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

Mamie Jenevein.....	PPF	21	51 50	
David Ulmer.....	PPF	32	62 00	
H E Phillips.....	PPF	30	41 50	
G Jorgenson 3 wks.....	BFL	113	70 50	29 25

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

W H Haddon.....	GC	34	34 75	1 00
J S Fry.....	D&R	36	45 25	1 75
Virgil Smith.....	D&R	40	34 65	6 65
Everett Marley.....	D&R	42	46 50	7 30
S A Oberg.....	GC	45	56 00	15 25
Mrs Mollie Miller.....	stoc	13	8 40	60

**TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

H C Balsbaugh.....	GC	48	43 55	
Mrs G W Beck.....	BFL	3	4 50	
C H Chenault.....	D&R	33	6 50	
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	27		32 00
J S Moore.....	MISC	35	2 50	10 25
Mamie Moore 2 wks.....	D&R	58	83 60	66 65

**SUMMARY**

Alabama Conference.....	269	159 60	95 75
Kentucky Conference.....	314	199 50	60 50
Louisiana Conference.....	196	225 50	29 25
Mississippi Conference.....	210	225 55	32 55
Tennessee River Conference...	204	140 65	108 90

Totals .....1193 \$950 80 \$326 95

Write and tell us as soon as possible how many to send you for your church and neighborhood. Here is an opportunity for all to be workers together to help the work along. May the Lord bless all efforts put forth.

A. J. HAYSMER.

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## TEMPERANCE TORCHLIGHTS

"TEMPERANCE TORCHLIGHTS" is the name of a new book published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association of Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C. This attractive and instructive book has been prepared by Miss Matilda Erickson for the use of our Missionary Volunteers especially. It should be in the hands of all our young people, though it will make a valuable addition to any library. The price is fifty cents. We bespeak for it a large circulation. Order of the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville.

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## GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI

My husband and I came to this place February 1, and are comfortably situated out at the edge of town in the home of an elderly lady—a widow.

We have prayer-meeting at our room Sabbath evenings, and from three to eleven of our neighbors have been present each time.

Sister Stevens of Connecticut is here with her daughter, and meets with us upon the Sabbath.

Brother Marley is now at Winona, canvassing. He makes his second delivery here April 1. After that he will begin work in the country. My husband is twelve miles out, canvassing. Elder Lowry stopped over Sunday with us.

I have been calling upon my neighbors and have taken eighteen orders for "Steps to Christ." I expect, by the help of the Lord, to visit the homes of this place, and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for me. Come, brothers and sisters of Mississippi, let us "come into line."

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

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## STILL SELLING THE SPECIAL REVIEW

THE following came to hand only yesterday. It is so good that I am sending it on to the PROGRESS for the readers.

"I went to Owensboro last Thursday and remained until Friday night. I took the *Missionary Reviews*, and disposed of 120 papers and collected \$11.44. I could have done better with the papers, but there were so many Catholics who did not care to buy.

I have sold seventy-five of the February *Watchman*, and ordered fifty of the March number.—Mrs. Walter Jones."

If all would undertake to do something with our periodicals they would surprise themselves. This is the time when the people are moved to buy reading-matter. We shall pray that you may have the blessing of the Lord in your work for him.

A. O. BURRILL.

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## THE BOOKS OUR AGENTS ARE SELLING

THE following table shows the per cent. of our regular subscription book agents who worked during 1907, 1908, and 1909 for the books mentioned in the list. No account is taken in this table of agents working for 40 per cent. books or periodicals:—

	1907 Per Cent. Agents	1908 Per Cent. Agents	1909 Per Cent. Agents
"Great Controversy"	20	30½	21
"Daniel and the Revelation"	10	25	20
"Bible Readings"	10	7½	11½
"Heralds of the Morning"	17	12	4
"Coming King"	17	7½	10
"Seer of Patmos"	7½	2½	2
Health books	9½	8	13
"Bible Footlights"			7½
Miscellaneous	9	7	11

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## OBITUARY

BURRILL.—Benj. C. Burrill died of old age at Millledgeville, Ky., March 19, 1910. He passed his ninetyeth birthday December 27, 1909. He was born and lived in Maine for the first eighty-two years of his life. In 1874 he received the Sabbath under the labors of Elder J. B. Goodrich, at Shawmut, Me. Eight years since he came to live with his son in Buffalo, N. Y. When his son, Elder A. O. Burrill, came to Kentucky he accompanied him, and has lived with his family since. Often in the night seasons, he would be heard pleading with the Lord for a preparation for the first resurrection. Remarks by the writer from John 14: 1, 2.

H. U. JACOBS.

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## HUNTSVILLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WE will gladly receive donations toward the above fund, outside the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies, who are interested in the colored missionary work. Send all moneys to the editor of the REPORT OF PROGRESS, and look for your amounts in the next number of this paper.

Amount previously reported.....	\$ 21.04
Louisiana Y. P. M. V. S.....	6.00
Nashville Y. P. M. V. S.....	2.50
Total .....	\$29.54