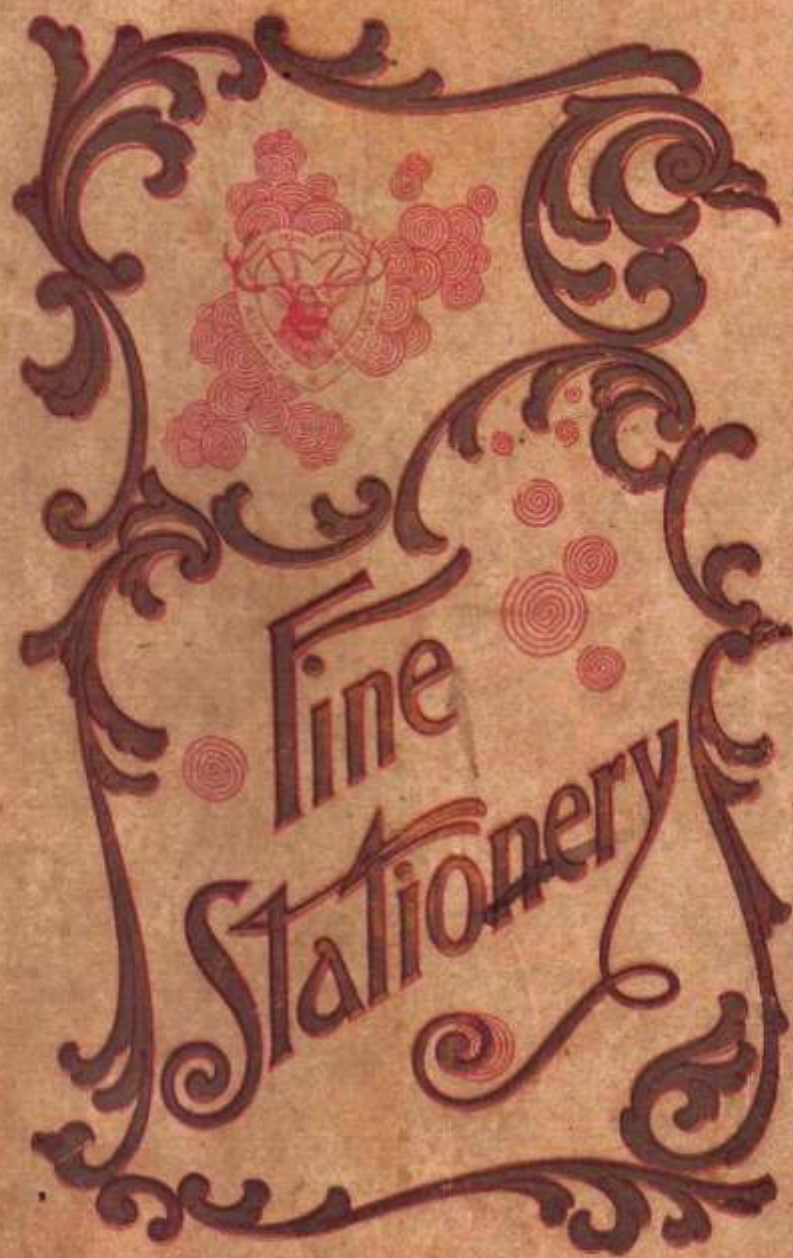


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## Shall the Church Retreat.

"There often comes a time in war, when a small advance <sup>guard</sup> reaches an exposed position, subject to the hot cross fire of the enemy. To stand there is impossible. They can advance if the main body come to their support and hurl themselves upon the enemies' entrenchments, or they ~~can~~ must abandon the ground already won making their struggles and their losses fruitless.

Today our Church is confronted with the question of advance or retreat.

Our skirmish line has passed forward as opportunity has afforded offered in Korea, in Siam, in African forests and Indian jungles.

till they staid in the thickest of the  
battle and in the deadly struggle of  
with the foe. Shall it retreat or  
advance? First let us consider  
the purpose of the church and then  
the purpose of our foe.

The church is the main institution of God  
in the world. The main institution  
of God in the world is the propagation  
must exist to accomplish the main  
purpose of God. The main purpose  
of God is the propagation of the Gospel  
to the whole world. "Go ye into all  
the world ~~preach~~ disciples of the Gospel  
to every creature" Therefore this  
must be the purpose of the Church.

This purpose God revealed to Abraham  
saying "in thee shall all the families of  
the earth be blessed". This was  
confirmed to Isaac and Jacob also  
to Judah, was spoken of by the Prophets

as a purpose that involved divine suffering  
was revealed on Calvary.

God chose Israel to be a blessing to the world  
by their preserving of the worship of the true  
God. He chooses the Christians to be a  
blessing to the world by their scattering  
the Gospel abroad.

Mormonism cannot bless the world  
tho it accepts the greater part of the Bible  
it ignores the essential portion.

Mohammedanism will never bring  
this blessing upon the world for it is  
a thorn tree grafted in a fig. Buddhism  
cannot, because it fails to bring peace  
to its own followers. Confucianism  
will never do it for no mere man  
or man's plans can bless the world.

Nothing <sup>one</sup> but <sup>Jesus Christ</sup> faith in Jesus Christ can  
present us faultless before the throne  
of God. Therefore ~~the~~ the Church has  
but one motto "to seek and save that  
which was lost," To establish His Kingdom

But what is the purpose of the enemy?

First they exist without God's approval and  
do work without His blessing. Their purpose  
is not to assault mankind in the likeness  
of God but to pretend to assist him by  
tor<sup>ture</sup> and disfigurement of body.  
<sup>hook</sup> And in India he is supposed to gain  
favor with the gods by fastening an  
iron hook in the middle of the back  
and then suspended by a rope to a  
tower where he is left to die. In Persia  
and Turkey they cut their heads with  
swords and slash their bare backs  
with rods till the blood flows  
profusely and with outcries to  
Allah they demonic crowds  
rushes to the mosque. For certain  
in wrongs the Mohammedan is compelled  
to make long journeys, to the sacred  
city of Mecca, by prostrating himself  
on the ground and then arise and advance  
a length of his body and again prostrate  
himself upon the ground.

There was not a physician or hospital  
or Asylum in Africa or China or India  
till the Gospel entered and introduced  
them.

The non x'tian world wd. today wipe out  
everything x'tian from the world, and  
what wd. we have left? We wd. be  
without churches and institutions of  
learning for the women, because in India  
woman is not supposed to know anything  
in books. Out of a <sup>female</sup> population of 100,000,000  
there are only 70,000 who are unable to  
read. In Calcutta, according to the  
latest census there are 15,000 wives and  
15,000 widows. There are in India  
50,000 widows under 10 years of age.  
She is valued far below a cow.  
In Africa she is the burden bearer.  
A missionary recently reproved a  
man for making his wife carry him  
on her shoulders across a stream  
of water. where upon the native said

willingly replied, "If my wife didn't carry  
me, whose wife wd!". In India ~~20%~~ of  
the female children are murdered by their mothers.  
In Polynesia mothers ~~at~~ murder their babies.  
~~Some~~ ~~to~~ ~~this~~ ~~is~~ ~~done~~ by placing a wet  
cloth over its face, but quite frequently  
they begin <sup>breakily</sup> on the joints of a babies fingers  
and keep on breaking till all the bones  
of the ~~hand~~ ~~foot~~ ~~are~~ ~~broken~~ and ~~spoke~~ ~~them~~ ~~to~~ ~~death~~  
in legs and arms are broken. In  
~~the~~ ~~world~~ <sup>the world</sup> a gray haired person is never  
seen or is he to be found, for the children  
murder their parents when the gray hair  
begin to show. <sup>Infantile Deafness & Patience are common.</sup> Such a condition do  
we find in the lands where Christ  
is not known, and such might we  
have been today if Paul had not  
withstood Peter to the face and  
determined to preach the Gospel to  
the world at large.

The non-Christian world wd stretch  
her cold clammy fingers out into  
our cities and put out every light

wd. enter the our hospitals and slay  
the nurses and physicians, wd. scatter  
orphan from their homes and make  
orphan of widows as it does in 9 wd.  
It wd. not be content at despoiling  
our homes and wrecking our lives but  
wd. bid the inhabitants of the world  
cast them over precipices into gorges of  
diabolical evils.

Against this evil <sup>60</sup> 35,000,000 <sup>non Roman</sup> Christians  
are arrayed. Do not <sup>60</sup> 35,000,000 for  
some refuse to fight. Some think that  
God ought to conquer the enemy alone.  
So they refuse to fight, some don't  
believe the heathen religions ought to  
be overcome, so they stay at home, others  
have so much to do at home that  
they can't help, so they are worthless.  
As a consequence we have <sup>only a small portion</sup> ~~say 18,000,000~~  
of fighting men and women in this <sup>Army</sup> host  
of God. The enemy are 100,000,000  
strong. They lean on their strength



We are leaning on the "eternal God and  
underneath are the everlasting arms"  
They are stronger in number of visible men  
yet as in the experience of Elijah's army  
"They that be with us are more than they  
that be with them." If our eyes were  
not dimmed and our ears <sup>not</sup> deafened by sin  
we might look up and see from the north  
also to the Smith's Cross and it wd. be  
one great host of angels, and from Mt  
Rebo's lofty height we cd. look out over  
the promised lands, the heathen lands,  
then they cd. see Japan, China, India, Africa, S. Am.  
and stretch the hills of earth and the valleys  
of earth filled with the saved of  
earth and out of Heaven wd. come  
a voice from the Leader of our army  
saying "Speak unto the Church of  
that they go forward!" Then the  
drummers of earth wd. begin to beat  
and the timbrels and trumpets of  
Heaven begin to sound as this  
mighty army of God moves against

onward against the enemy; not with sword and cannon, but with a balm for every wound, a relief for every pain, a kind of word for the oppressed and <sup>homes and comfortable liberty for the poor</sup> freedom for the slave, and Jesus Christ for the souls of all men.

Christ has started for the conquest of the world, will His church follow Him or shall she be, which had originated and had approved and had sustained retreat?

There goes an order of retrenchment to S. Africa, China, Asia and the Isles saying, "we the members of the church of God at home find it impossible to sustain you." It means death to the missionary to stand there. <sup>or to advance is impossible</sup>  
"Must I retreat, & say like in India" and leave these to drift from bad to worse?"  
"Must I retreat" <sup>asks</sup> the man of God in China, "and see this diabolical custom

of binding the feet and worshipping idols  
continued?" "Must I retreat" asks the soldier  
in Africa, "and see these for whom I have  
labored 20 yrs or more drift back into cannibalism."  
"Must I retreat," asks the follower of the  
Cross in S. A., "and leave these people  
bound down by a corrupt priesthood."  
"Must I retreat" "Must I retreat" comes  
from the jungles of India, from the  
forests of Africa, and the island of the  
seas. They await our reply.

Meanwhile Mohammedanism is  
stretching<sup>out</sup> her cold bloody paw in the  
East. Buddhism is sharpening her  
teeth. Hindianism is gliding thro' Asia  
and Mormonism is <sup>fluttering</sup> stretching her  
very wings in our faces. And  
these reptiles and carrons and <sup>types</sup> reptiles  
are the hideous monsters with wh.  
she she is now grappling. Are we  
going to sustain those at war or  
shall we say retreat, and let them

monsters growl o'er our beloved land  
and lay waste our inheritance. "But," say  
some one, "they are across the waters and  
can never injure or endanger our land."  
Is that true? Or by is that every day the  
Chinese bunnies in case to their gods  
in New York and San Francisco?

By our improved and quicker transportation,  
by our rapid and accurate cable lines,  
by our radios and air planes,  
by the desire on the part of nations to know  
the news  
and become foremost among nations  
this old world is fast becoming a  
unity. The sun will soon rise  
on a universal religion and what  
is it to be? Either Christianity has to  
retreat or advance. On what  
grounds do they who say we must  
retreat base their argument?

By God's help, I hope to show you that the  
Church will not retreat for lack of  
divine orders. Go ye therefore and make  
disciples of all nations baptizing them

in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to  
observe all things whatsoever I have  
commanded you and to remain with  
you all way even unto the end of  
the earth." That is the order and  
nothing short of the total subjugation  
of the world by the Ch. can with  
draw that command. It may mean  
death for many in the future. It has  
certainly meant death to many in this  
century. But that is the command!  
Dare the Ch. retreat and claim God  
as its Father and Christ as its Head  
He that putteth his hand to the plow  
and looketh back is not fit for the  
kingdom of Heaven."

How will the Ch. retreat for lack of  
open doors. When He putteth forth  
His sheeps He goeth before them, and they  
follow Him." Such a grand fulfillment  
as we have of that today.

At the beginning of ~~the~~<sup>19<sup>th</sup></sup> century, there  
stood Mexico with her 10,000,000 souls  
withheld from the Gospel, 22,000,000 ignorant of Christ's mercy,  
Japan with 35,000,000 resisting  
the Gospel, India with her  
257,000,000, China whose <sup>great</sup> wall & cloud  
is 386,000,000, there lay that long  
dark <sup>stretch</sup> of darkest continents, Africa,  
with her unnumbered millions,  
and there were all the islands of the  
seas inhabited by multitudes.  
All these were without the Gospel  
and <sup>there was</sup> no way to introduce the Gospel  
to them at the beginning of this century.  
The whole non-Christian world was ~~ignora~~  
closed by a barricade of ignorance  
selfishness or prejudice. But today  
all are open. The screech of the  
last door that opened has hardly  
<sup>ceased</sup> quite vibrating. "Behold I have set before  
you an open door and no man can close it."

The church will not retreat for lack of human  
need. There is no one with a knowledge of  
the condition who questions the human need  
of non-Christian lands. In Africa it is  
the cry of savagery. What need, we think  
if we saw a man ~~walk~~ pass our  
door carrying on his shoulder the leg  
of a human being but lately severed  
from the body? And we also know that  
this was soon to be made ready for  
a feast? There are 1000's of men &  
women who have been servants of  
Christ for years and years who will  
condemn such a statement, but the  
fact is the fact and such a wrong  
is constantly being perpetrated  
today in Africa. <sup>among 200000000 of people</sup> Compensation  
arises if in one of our lakes  
or rivers is found the body of child  
when it was thrown by a distracted  
mother. Yet there are lakes in India  
whose waters are impure and

whose atmosphere is deadly because  
of the bodies of babies. All hell is at  
work. 400,000,000 are opium eaters and  
India Turkey & China groan under the  
desolation. 300,000,000 are the victims  
of the betelnut and while by and  
that lava of hell, is pouring forth  
the slime over Persia, Brazil, and Africa,  
and fastening its fangs in the hearts  
of families and the souls of immortal  
souls! The heathen world is an ulcer  
pouring forth the most cancering  
and corroding <sup>effect</sup> influences upon the  
youth and weakens the aged.

But the greatest need is yet to  
be mentioned. More precious than  
the gold of Alaska, California &  
Australia or the <sup>silver</sup> gold of Mexico  
more attractive than the diamonds  
of India & Africa or the pearls of the  
deep, is the soul of man. It will  
live on after the pyramids of Egypt



have been washed to the seas by the ~~strong~~ <sup>morning</sup> winds  
blown away by the morning  
zephyrs. yet notwithstanding all the  
inestimability of and the luster and the  
preciousness of the soul, we sing  
"Throw out the life line some one is  
drifting away" when in truth there  
are more than 100000 souls go out  
every day without the privilege of  
ever hearing christ's name.

It is estimated that in China there  
~~30000~~ 1400 people die every hour  
In India there are 1000's of people  
pleading for the touch of a saviors  
hand and 500 precious souls  
every hour sink into xless graves  
In the darkness of night Africa  
is walking and x'tians at home are  
denying them the blessed Gospel  
light and the cry goes up this  
hour  
~~morning~~ from 1700 heart broken  
slaves as they pass out of life

The heathen are dying every day  
and dying without God. If we  
were burning up with desire to save  
and God wd. give us power to  
speak the word and heal the nations  
in the twinkling of an eye, before  
we cd get to <sup>the shores of</sup> Africa or China  
or India 1,200,000 souls ~~or~~ more  
wd. be lost. The thought is  
black, but we cant save those  
who are dying today, but to every  
there are more born.

We have a generation in which to  
reach those born today. We have  
a conquering power. It conquered  
Rome. It conquered the hardwick hills.  
It has overthrown cannibals in the Fijis  
and Africa. It has overthrown idols  
in China and will subdue the  
world. Shall she Ch. retreat and  
leave this generation to perish? If

every Christian in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> world will bring 30 pence  
to Christ each year, in 2 yrs <sup>the</sup> world  
will become the Kingdom of God and of His Christ  
& of each person will give a <sup>a</sup> week it  
will sustain our advance guard and place  
more on the field. Will the members

of the Church of God let this cause halt  
for the sake of a cent a week?

I gave my life for thee

My precious blood I shed

That thou might'st be ransomed be

and quicken'd from the dead

I gave it all for thee

What hast thou given for me.

# 13 000 000 000 in Hands of X-tians 1890.

<sup>1/32</sup> part of a cent to evangelize the heathen.

"All I have I hold it for the living."

# 2 000 000 000 spent annually for liquor & tobacco,  
as much money spent for liquor in 27 days and  
puffed away in tobacco smoke in 5 1/4 days  
as has been spent on missions in 50 yrs  
to redeem the souls dying at the rate of 1 per second.