There often comes a time in war when a small advance reaches an exposed position, subject to the hot crossfire of the enemy. To stand there is impossible. They can advance if the main body can support and feed themselves upon the enemy's entrenchments or if they must anchor on the ground already won making their struggles and their losses fruitless.

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

Our dimmish line has pushed forward as opportunity has afforded, offered in Korea, in Vietnam, in African forests and Indian jungles.
Tell they stand in the thick of the battle and with a deadly struggle for with the core. Shall I retire or advance? First let us consider the purpose of the church and then the purpose of our core. 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 and teach disciples of the Gospel to every creature.” Thus for this must be the purpose of the church. This purpose God revealed to Abraham saying in the shall all the families of the earth be blessed”. This was confirmed to Isaac and Jacob also to Judah, was spoken of by the Prophet
as a purpose that involved divine suffering was needed or deliverance
had to be a blessing to the world by its preserving of the worship of the true
God. It chooses the Christians to be a
blessing to the world by their realizing
the Gospel abroad.

Mormonism cannot bless the world
as it accepts the greater part of the Bible
ignores the essential portion.
Mohammedanism will never bring
this blessing to the world, for it is
a thorn the grafted in a fig. Buddhism
cannot, because it fails to bring peace
to its own followers. Confucianism
will never do it for no man or
man's place can bless the world.

Nothing but faith in Jesus Christ can
present us faultless before the throne
of God. Therefore the Church has
that 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 the blessing. Their purpose is not to assist mankind towards the likeness of God, but to pretend to assist him by torture and disfigurement of body. In India, she is supposed to gain favor with the gods by fastening an iron hook in the middle of her back and then suspending her by a rope to a tower where she is left to die. In Brazil and Turkey they cut their heads with swords and slash their bare backs with rods till the blood flows profusely and with anti-sins to Allah. They demons' crowds rushes to the most gory. For certain wrongs the Mohammedan is compelled to make long journeys to the sacred city of Mecca, by fasting and jerking himself on the ground and then arise advanced a length of his body and again prostrates 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-Christian world would today wipe out every thing Christian from the world, and what would we have left? For what be without churches and institutions of learning for the women, because in India women is not supposed to know anything in books. Out of a population of 100,000,000 there are only 10,000 who are capable of reading. In Calcutta, according to the latest census there are 20,000 widows and 15,000 widows. There are in India 5,000 widows under 10 years of age. She is valued far below a cow. In Africa she is the burden bear. A missionary recently reported a man for making his wife carry him on her shoulders across a stream of water, whereupon the native arose.
willingly replied, "If my wife didn't carry me, whole wife is!". In India 90% of
the female children are murdered by their mothers.
In Polynesian mothers murder their babies
Since they are born by placing a wet
cloth over its face, but quite frequently
they begin at the joints of a baby's figure.
They cut the flesh with sharp stones and
let them bleed until all the bones
are broken. In
the world
a gray-haired person is never
seen or is the last found, for the children
murder their parents when the gray hair
begin to show. Such a condition do
we find in the lands where Christ
is not known, and much 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 would stretch
the cold, clammy fingers out into
our cities and put out every light.
and, enter the one hospitals and say to nurses and physicians, and medical students the fee of their homes and make advocates of widows as it does in 2 wild. Kind, not be content at despising our homes and wenching on lives the end, bind the inhabitants of the world at each them and deprecate with gorge of disused evil.

Against this evil 75,000,000 times are arranged. Do not 75,000,000 for some refuse to fight. Some think that had right to conquer the enemy alone. So they refuse to fight, so I don't believe that healthy religious right to be useless. So they stay at home, others have as much to do at home that they can't help, so they are worthless. As a consequence we have only 75,000 fighting men and women in this army of God. The enemy are 1,000,000,000 strong. They lean on their strength.
We are leavin on the eternal God and under neath his everlastin arms.
They are strong in number of visible men yet as in the experience of Elijah saved "The Lord be with me and none other than thy that be with them." If our eyes were not dimmed and our ears defended by air we might look up and see from the north also to the cross the cross and it and to one great host of angels and from the heavens lofty height we e.d. look out over the promised land the heathen land to the hills of earth and the valley of earth filled with the sound of earth and out of heaven clad came a voice from the leader of our army saying "Speak unto the Church of that day go forward." Then the drum of earth and began to beat and the trumpets and trumpets of heaven began to sound as this mighty army of bad 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 work for the oppressed and
homes and comfortable living for the poor
freedom for the slave, and Jesus Christ
for the souls of all men.
Christ hast started for the conquest
of the world. Will His church
follow Him or shall the church which
had originated and had approved as
and continues retreat?
Thus goes an order of retreatment
to S. Africa, China, Asia and the
saying, "We the members of the church of
God at home find it impossible to sustain
you." It means death to the missionary
when there is no advance is impossible
"Retreat," says the man of God in
China, and see this disastrous custom
of finding the gods and worshipping idols.

"Must I retreat?" asks the father of the

Africa, and see those for whom I have

"Must I retreat?" asks the father of the

Africa, and see those people

down by a corrupt priesthood.

"Must I retreat?" asks the father of the

from the jungles of India, from the

forests of Africa, and the island of the

They await our reply.

Meanwhile Mohammedanism is

stretched out with bloody jaws in the

Buddhism is sharpening its

tooth. Hinduism is gripping the

and innumerable is stretching her

very wings on our faces.

And these reptiles and carrions and serpents

are the hideous monsters with whom

she is now grappling. Are we

going to continue those abominations or

shall we say retreat? And let this...
monsters and their race. Do we belong to that race? Do we
make war on our inheritance? “Blessed is the
race that has no war, no destruction, no enmity, no
endurance of times of evil.” Is that true? Why is it that
every day the
Chinese burn in China to their gods,
New York and San Francisco?
By our improved and quickened transportation,
by our rapid and accurate cable lines,
by our aviation and air planes,
by the decline on the part of nations to know
and become foremost among nations
this old world is fast becoming a
universe. The sun will soon rise
on a universal religion and what
is it to be? Either eternity has to
retreat or advance. On what
grounds do they who say we cannot
retreat, base their argument?
By God's help, I hope to show you that the
Church will not retreat for lack of
divine oracles. Go ye then fore 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 lo, I am with you all the days of the world."

That is the order, and nothing short of the total subjugation of the world by the Christian, can with draw the 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 Christian retreat and claim God as his Father and Christ as his Head. Oth the good shepherd his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of Heaven."

How well the Christian retreat for lack of open doors. "When He putteth forth His sheep He goeth before them, and they follow Him." Such a grand fulfillment as we have of that today.
At the beginning of the century, there stood peoples with 10,000,000 souls, with 270,000,000 ignorant of Christ's message, Japan with 35,000,000 resisting the Gospel, India with her great 250,000,000, China whose wall is closed, in 350,000,000, there lay the long, dark, vast continent, Africa with her unnumbered millions, and there were all the islands of the seas inhabited by multitudes. All these were without the Gospel, and no way to introduce the Gospel to them at the beginning of the century. The whole non-Christian world was ignored, closed by a barrier of ignorance, selfishness or prejudice. But they all are open. The knock of the last door that opened has hardly quieted 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 and moral condition. In Africa it is the cry of savagery. What mind we think if we saw a man with pass one slower carrying on his shoulders the body of a human being that lately served from the body? Did we also know that this was soon to be made ready for a feast? There are 1000s of women who have been savaged by their husbands and have been reduced to this. We condemn such a statement. But the fact is the fact and such a wrong is constantly being perpetuated today in Africa. Condemnation aside if in some of our lakes or rivers we found the body of child whose mother is insane and
whose atmosphere is deadly because
of the toils of babies. All hell is up
abreast. 400,000,000 are opium smokers.
India, Russia & China grow under the
decadence, 200,000,000 are the victims
of the brutal web and while the
wash of hell, is pouring forth
the slime over Russia, Persia, Egypt.
and festering its fangs in the teeth
of families and the souls of immortal
men! The heathen world is an ever
pouring forth the most corrupting
and corroding influence upon the
youth and weakening the aged.

But the greatest need is yet to
be mentioned. More precious than
the gold of Alkala California.
Australia or the gold of Mexico
more attractive than the diamonds
of the & Africa or the pearls of the
seas, is the soul of man. It will
live on after the pyramids of Egypt
have been washed to the sea by the waves or blown away by the wind.

Gospels, yet notwithstanding all the

indecency of and the lust of the

preciousness of the soul, we sing

"Throw not the life away, some one is

drifting away," when in truth there

are more than 10,000 souls some

every day without the privilege of

ever hearing Christ mentioned.

It is estimated that in China there

10,000 14,000 people die every two

In India there are 10,000 of people

pleading for the touch of a labourer

touch and 500 precious souls

every hour sink into silent graves.

In the darkness of night Africa

is walking andrians at times are

dying from the blessing Gospel light,

that the cry goes up this

morning from a heart broken

slave, as they pass out of life.
The matter are dying every day and dying without God. If we were thickening up with desire to save and God will give us power to spread the word and heal the nation in the twinkling of an eye, before we can get to Africa or China or India 1,200,000 souls be more and be lost. The thought is black, but we can't save these who are dying today but to every soul and more born. We have a generation in which to reach those born today. We have a conquering spirit. It conquered Rome. It conquered the land without. It has urged cannibals in the Fijian and Africa. It has overthrown idols in Iran and will subdue the world. Shall the Chis retreat and leave this generation to perish? If
12,000,000,000 = Hands of Xtmas 1840.

"All I know I hold it for the Sinner."

£2,000,000 spent annually for liquor & tobacco,
as much money spent for liquor in 60 days, as
puffed away in tobacco smoke in 34 days, &
have taken opium missions in 50 yrs.

to redeem the souls dying at this rate 1 per second.