## 詩歌選集第618首

618 【前進!基督精兵】

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- (一)前進!基督精兵,前進!如出征;十架旌旗高撑,隨主向前行。前進!走上疆場, 進攻諸幽冥;必將仇敵掃蕩,若聽主號令。前進!基督精兵,前進!如出征;十架旌旗 高撑,隨主向前行。
- (二) 一聞耶穌大名,魔軍必竄逃;所以基督精兵,向前將敵剿。若肯高聲贊頌,陰間 必動搖;所以親愛弟兄,贊頌聲要高。前進!基督精兵,前進!如出征;十架旌旗高撑, 隨主向前行。
- (三)基督教會出征,勢如大軍隊;古聖在前先行,我們在後隨;幷非分成兩起,古聖 與我們;乃是一靈、一體、一望幷一信。前進!基督精兵,前進!如出征;十架旌旗高 撑,隨主向前行。
- (四) 諸王終必摧毀,邦國興而衰;惟有基督教會,永運必存在。陰間權勢雖凶,不能 勝教會;教會隨主進攻,必要毀魔鬼。前進!基督精兵,前進!如出征;十架旌旗高撑, 隨主向前行。
- (五) 前進!蒙恩聖徒, 晌應主教會; 跟隨教會步武, 必奏凱歌歸。榮耀, 尊貴, 頌揚, 歸給得勝王; 聖徒天使合唱, 頌揚永無疆。前進! 基督精兵, 前進! 如出征; 十架旌旗 高撑, 隨主向前行。

- (1) Onward Christian soldiers!marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, See, His banners go!onwards, Christian soldiers! marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus, going on before.
- (2) At the name of Jesus Satan's host doth flee; on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory! Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise; Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise!onwards, Christian soldiers!marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus, going on before.
- (3) Like a mighty army moves the Church of God; brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod; we are not divided, all one Body we one in faith and Spirit, one eternally. onwards, Christian soldiers! marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus, going on before.
- (4) Crowns and thrones mayperish, kingdoms rise and wane; but the Church of Jesus constant will remain. gates of hell can never 'gainst the Church prevail; we have Christ's own promise, which can never fail. onwards, Christian soldiers! marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus, going on before.
- (5) Onward, then, ye people! joinour happy throng; blend with ours your voices In the triumph song. glory, laud and honor unto Christ, the King; this thro' countless ages men and angel sing. onwards, Christian soldiers! marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus, going on before.

這首令人振奮的詩歌,是由巴齡古牧師

(Rev. Sabine Barning-Gould 1834-1924)所作,巴牧師於 1834年生於英國 Exeter,在年紀 尚輕的時候便旅遊海外各地,足跡已遍佈全歐洲,尤其是德法兩國之地理更為熟悉。返國之後便進入劍橋大學深造,取得碩士學位,後來於 1861年受神職,歷任許多教會之牧師。然而,他於 1881年繼承了父親一大筆的遺產,幷且襲任公爵紳士,于是便運用他的財富與地位來宣揚福音、擴充教務,毫不自私爲己。他也是一位相當出名且多產的作家,在大英博物院內圖書目錄中,巴牧師的著作是當時最多的一位,而且其範圍也涵蓋相當廣泛,包括宗教、神學、游記、歷史、小說、傳記...等,都是在當時極爲流行的著作,同時他也喜歡收集一些民間歌謠,幷出版外國民歌集多冊。當然,創作詩歌仍是他所喜愛,因此他許多的詩歌作品,也獲很好的評價。 這首"基督精兵前進",可算是一首最好的基督徒進行曲了,當年創作的動機,乃是由于 1865年英國約克郡的教會,要舉辦一個主日學聯合大會,巴牧師必須帶領他的學生千里迢迢步行好幾裏路,才能到達會場。然而,因為擔心學生人數不少,而且長途跋涉難免閒話擾亂而大失紀律,於是巴牧師便想:倘若能在行進間唱些歌曲,豈不就能减輕路途的煩勞,及免去學生的擾亂嗎?

所以他費了很多苦心却仍然找不到適合的詩歌,于是在赴會的前一夜,他總算下定决心要自己來寫這一首詩,便獨自在書房裏,安靜默禱後憑著當時的感動完成了這首詩歌。 沒想到,隔日在學生的熱烈歡唱中,居然忘却了旅途的勞累,幷也使此曲大受轟動。