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"And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations."

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FOREWORD

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE on the United Study of Foreign Missions celebrates this year its twentyfirst anniversary.

Organized in 1900, the Committee has published a study book each year and has sent out two million books to the constituency of women's boards of

foreign missions.

The Committee begins its third decade with this volume, The Kingdom and the Nations, by Eric M. North, Ph.D. Nothing could be more timely or more important than this review of spiritual needs and the estimate of resources for the reconstruction of the nations.

The book will be valuable to young and old. Men and women of the Kingdom should consider the challenge and prepare to meet it.

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"I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs the affairs of men, and if a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, is it probable that an Empire can rise without His assistance? I firmly believe that without His aid we shall succeed in our political building no better than the builders of Babel. We shall be divided by our little partial local interest; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and byword to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing governments by human wisdom, and leave it to Chance, War, and Conquest."

-Benjamin Franklin, on moving that prayers be offered at the opening of each day's session of the Constitutional Congress of the United States, 1787.

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