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THE kingdom of God is not carried on by the human activities of the moment, but by the power of the ever living God. This is seen in the wonderful connection between the events of ages far apart. The Reformation in Bohemia seemed to be blotted out in the blood of its adherents, but their prayers, that at the time seemed unanswered, now bring down blessings on Bohemians in their ancient home and in our own Western States. The Waldenses seemed to suffer many things for nought at the hands of their enemies two centuries ago, but all went to form a type of Christian character that was needed for the work that devolves on them to-day. And it will be one of the joys of heaven to trace out this connected plan of God in all lands and in all ages.

In the tenth century a colony or colonies of Norwegians settled in Greenland and carried with them such knowledge of the gospel as they possessed, and the ruins of their homes built around the church and its God's acre, show that religion had a prominent place among them.

How long they flourished, and in what way they perished, we know not; for the ice barrier round their northern home was strong, and the pulse of commerce was slow and weak, so that ages elapsed between their extinction and the knowledge of it in their fatherland. Whether they were swept away by pestilence, or died a lingering death by famine, or gradually diminished in numbers till they all perished, we may not know. It is suggestive in this connection that more than three centuries ago a boat fastened together with sinews drifted ashore in Iceland, containing an oar on which was traced in Runic letters the words, "I grew tired while I drew thee." No doubt they prayed much and fervently in their distress, and the cold icebergs seemed to fling back a stern refusal to their cries, but victory over the last enemy may have been vouchsafed at the time, and centuries after, another answer was given by Him who does not forget the prayers of his children, even long after they have entered into rest.

\* Hans Egede, der apostel der Grønlander von Friedrich Wilhelm Bodenmann, Vieclfeld. 1851." regret that my imperfect knowledge of German prevented a thorough perusal of this.  
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