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In the day of Pentecost there were dwelling in Jerusalem "men from every nation under heaven." To-day, in David street there mingle Turk, Arab, Kurd, Syrian, Armenian, Persian, and the European and American

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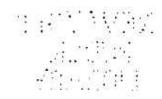
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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The first seven chapters of this book were written by Professor Hall just before his return last summer to Beirut, Syria. Since then, events in the Near East have crowded hard one upon the other, some of them carrying political significance. Commissions of survey and inspection have pushed their inquiries into all quarters of the domain.

The editors of this book have, therefore, counted it a stroke of good fortune that, upon his return in December from six months' travel in the Near East as director general of the Near East Relief, Dr. James L. Barton should have consented to write a final chapter in the light of more recent events and of his very extended travels.

In perfect fairness to the author of the book it should be said further that such editorial changes as have been made in Professor Hall's manuscript, and they have been minor, have been made of necessity without conference with him, owing to the six thousand miles of water intervening.

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