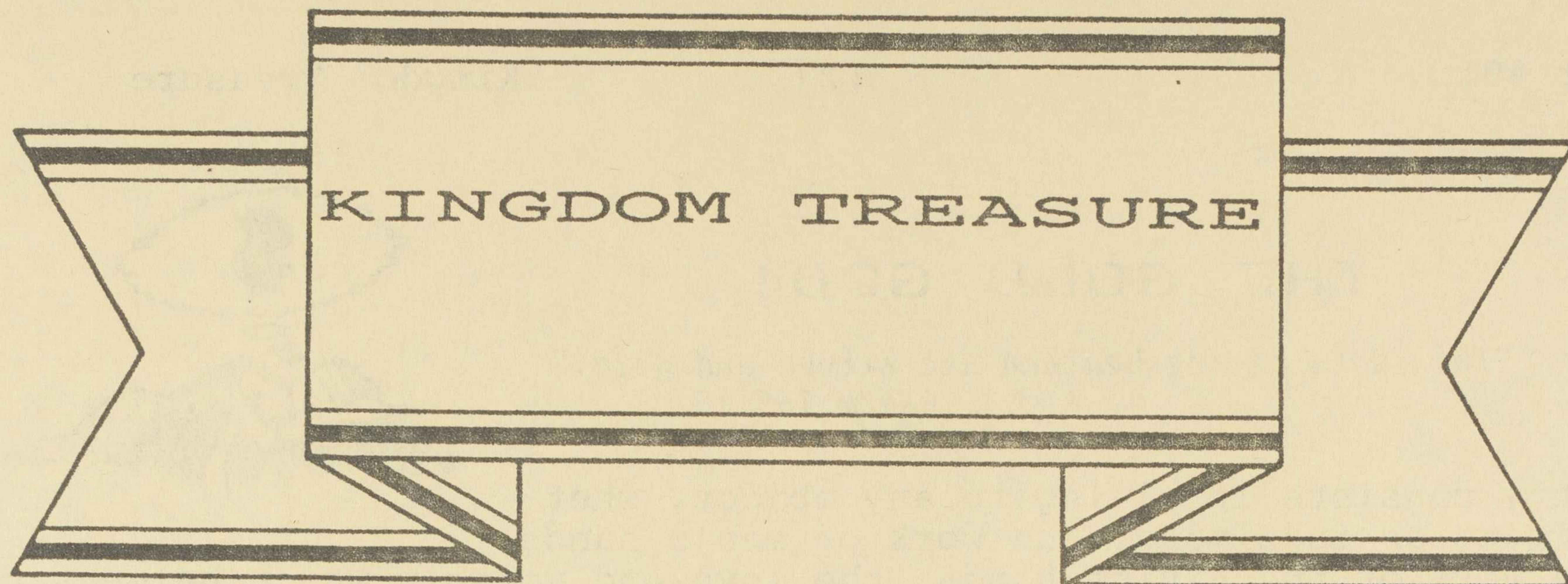




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THE WITNESS OF THE WORD

Ye can not kill My witness. Ye may spurn
The message, and My messengers may burn;
But from the faggot every ash shall turn
Undying witness, and the winds shall bear
The story of that witness everywhere.

Ye can not silence it. The stones cry out;
The secrets of the earth beneath ye shout;
The heavens declare; the caverns of the past,
The stars ye can not reach, and all the vast
Creation witness that His Word stands fast

Forever. Heaven and earth shall pass away,
The skies depart, and all the seas be gone;
The elements shall melt in that great day;
But yet the changeless Word of God lives on,
Immortal and immutable for aye.

It is the life of God; and that same Word
Which turned the world from darkness into light,
Will keep thy soul, and that eternal Power
Which holds all systems in their place secure,
Shall seal thee in assurance doubly sure.

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