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Abstract: The author notes that the Book of Mormon can be considered a classic work, since interest in it endures. Some people vouch for the valuable principles contained in it, but cannot accept the miraculousness of it. Its harmony with the Bible makes it a genuine new witness for the life, teachings, and divinity of Jesus Christ.

went into a little grove to pray to obtain a promise that we should behold the plates with our natural eyes that we might testify of it to the world. We prayed a time or two and at length an angel stood before David and Oliver and showed them the plates, but behold, I had gone by myself to pray and in my deepest distress I asked the Prophet Joseph Smith to kneel down with me and pray for me that I may also see the plates. He did so and immediately the angel stood before me and said, 'Look.' When I gazed upon him I fell to the earth, but I stood on my feet again and saw the angel turn the golden leaves over, and I said, 'That is enough. My Lord, and my God.' Then I heard the voice of God say: "The Book translated from those plates is true and translated correctly.'"

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When the sage declared the endlessness of the writing of books, he had no cause for complaint. For books are soul fruit, some bitter and some sweet, some poisonous but many are wholesome. Books are subject to the great law "the fittest survive." And the fittest in a truth-seeking age is that which contains the most truth. The average volume is short lived. It is common knowledge that books become out of date almost as quickly as clothes go out of style. There are some books, however, that have endured for ages and interest in them has grown as time has passed. In this class we claim place for the Book of Mormon. Nearly a century has passed since the first edition was printed. And the sale of the last edition, but recently published, was beyond the expectations of the most hopeful. In fact, each edition of the Book of Mormon has received warmer welcome from the reading public than have the preceding ones.

The history of the Book of Mormon has paralleled the history of Christianity in a most striking way! The coming forth of each was accompanied by the visitation of an angel.

Each was compelled to meet attempts to destroy it in early life.

The champions of each were put to death with the hope of terminating the cause of the conflict each occasioned.

The early disciples of each sought refuge in the mountains. Each grew in influence, despite the almost super-human opposition of enemies.

Each, at this day, stands in almost identical position in the minds of "honorable men of the earth," who frankly admit their belief in the thing itself, but candidly assert their disbelief in the miraculous origin of either Christianity or the Book of Mormon.

One man of great wealth and business leadership, after reading the Book of Mormon at the request of a "Mormon" friend, declared his belief in the contents of the book, to the extent of expressing his conviction that the teachings thereof, would, if applied to life, bring about conditions for universal happiness; "But," said he, "I can not accept the angel Moroni story of its origin." And that same man, no doubt, would say, "I believe in the peace-producing power of Christianity, but, I can not accept the Divinity and Fatherhood of Christ."

The history of the book acclaims its greatness, but the book itself is the thing that defies all attempts to explain it away. No one can deny that as a book, true or false, it is a stupendous reality with a marvelous origin, a gripping power for good, and a wonderful history. Volumes have been written and much spoken in denial of its divine authenticity, but as yet nothing has been proved against its contents or miraculous coming forth. As time has passed, scientific discovery, instead of destroying faith in the book, has wonderfully increased interest and confidence in it. And particularly important in this age of rapidly increasing skepticism, its harmony with the teachings of the Bible place it in the field of theology as veritably, "A new witness for God."

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Wait not till tomorrow, for time is not ours,
 Today is appointed to gather life's flowers,
 Wait not till tomorrow, its dawn may ne'er come,
 Today is the time to bring joy to the home.

Wait not till tomorrow to comfort a friend,
 Today is the day your kindness to lend;
 Wait not till tomorrow your good words to say,
 Tomorrow may fail you, your chance is today.

Wait not till tomorrow to offer your prayer,
 Heaven's not too encumbered to list to your prayer.
 Wait not till tomorrow all wrongs to amend,
 For death may o'ertake you, who knoweth the end?

Logan, Utah.

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