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Abstract: This article consists of comments regarding *A Voice from the Dust*, an edition of the Book of Mormon that the author edited and rearranged.

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A VOICE FROM THE DUST

(The Book of Mormon, A Sacred History of Ancient Americans, edited and arranged by Genet Bingham Dee, 828 pages, Deseret News Press, Salt Lake City. \$2.00.)

IN THIS edition, the author has sincerely attempted to present the Book of Mormon so it will be inviting to old and young. The book does not differ from the original except that the author has omitted the phrase "and it came to pass," in many instances; and has eliminated most of the prophecies of Isaiah, which are easily available in the Book of Mormon and the Bible; the author has also changed some of the punctuation; has arranged the most significant and beautiful passages in italics and bold face type; has broken the pages of the text by captions; and has extended some of the chapters where the thought did not end with the concluding thought of the chapters as given in the Book of Mormon. The arrangement has been made chronological, thus placing the oldest book, Ether, first in this volume, instead of last as in the Book of Mormon. Some of the poetical parts of the book have been put into verse form, and one hundred pictures have been included to add interest and life to the sacred text.

Since this is the reading course book for the Executive department, it is hoped that every Mutual will secure at least one copy. It is earnestly hoped that families will secure it so that it may be a permanent addition to the libraries and will stimulate all Latter-day Saints to a greater knowledge of the Book of Mormon.



1. Finale of the well-staged M. I. A. pageant presented August 6, 1939, in the Pocatello Stake as a Sunday evening conjoint program.
2. Four former bishops of the Smithfield Second Ward and the present bishop, in whose honor a special program was given in the ward chapel. From left to right: William L. Winn, John H. Peterson, G. E. Kingsford, and Sylvester Low (all former bishops); and Willard A. Hansen, present bishop.
3. Junior Girls of the Boise Stake at a Garden Party in which four wards of the Boise Stake participated.
4. The entire group of Junior girls and ward and stake leaders who participated in the Garden Party given by four wards of the Boise Stake.
5. The "Wm. Hansen" (Bill) prize-winning float in the Mormon Pioneer Celebration, July 24, at St. Anthony, Idaho.



6. The "Three-Piece One Man" Band, a hobby enjoyed by "Uncle Will" Slade of Kline, Colorado.
7. L. D. S. Choir of Rosemary Ward, Alberta, Canada.
8. Group in costumes depicting early pioneer life which

- participated in the 24th of July Celebration in Alberta Stake.
9. Group dressed as Indians which took part in the 24th of July Celebration in Rosemary, Alberta.