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## PREFATORY STATEMENT.

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For a number of years I have been an interested student of Mormonism and have gathered many facts concerning it. On Dec. 17, 1899, I delivered two addresses on Mormonism in the church of which I am pastor. A large number who heard them, and many who did not hear them, have urged that they be published. In compliance with this demand I have rewritten and greatly enlarged them, and in the interest of truth and true religion send them forth to the public. I have used only reliable authority, and have verified all statements made, as far as possible. Reference is duly made to the sources of information, and can be verified by those inclined to doubt any statement. In order to save space I have used a system of abbreviations which is easily understood. I am indebted to Rev. N. S. Burton, D.D., for valuable suggestions and assistance in the preparation of the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS.

- McMHPUS = McMaster's History of the People of the United States, Vol. IV.
- BHAC = Bacon's History of American Christianity.
- McMHSM = McMillans Historical Sketch of Mormonism.
- TOPM = Tucker's Origin and Progress of Mormonism.
- HMU = Howe's Mormonism Unveiled.
- PGP = Pearl of Great Price.
- DC = Doctrine and Covenants.
- ACAB = Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography, Vol. V, Art. Spalding, Rigdon and Smith.
- SM = Spalding Memorial.
- ScrM = Scribner's Magazine, Aug., 1880.
- BM = Book of Mormon.
- MWH = Magazine of Western History, Vol. IV.
- PWDABM = Pratt's Work on the Divine Authority of the Book of Mormon.
- MC = Mormon Catechism.
- HJSMS = History of Joseph Smith in the Millennial Star.
- DALBS = D. A. Leonard in Bibliotheca Sacra, Vol. 42.
- PWp = Pratt's Works, paper.

- BHRNWG = B. H. Robert's, New Witness for God.
- JSJD = Joseph Smith in Journal of Discourses.
- PKT = Pratt's Key to the Science of Theology.
- BME = Book of Mormon, Ether.
- BYJD = Brigham Young in Journal of Discourses.
- AHCKC = Apostle H C Kimball, Conference.
- TS = The Seer.
- AOHRMS = Apostle Orson Hyde, Rocky Mountain Saints.
- EYMRW = Eugene Young in Missionary Review of the World.
- NECInd. = Rev. N. E. Clemenson in Independent.
- EYInd. = Eugene Young in Independent.
- MRW = Missionary Review of the World.
- Ind. = Independent.
- MEJInd. = Prof. M. E. Jones in Independent. March 3, 1898.
- Pres.JMG = President J. M. Grant.
- BYDN = Brigham Young in Deseret News.
- OPJD = Orson Pratt in Journal of Discourses.
- AGSJD = Apostle George Smith in Journal of Discourses.
- AHCKJD = Apostle H. C. Kimball in Journal of Discourses.
- MD = Mormon Doctrine.
- BHREH = B. H. Roberts' Ecclesiastical History.
- AJTJD = Apostle John Taylor in Journal of Discourses.
- BYHW = Brigham Young in Harper's Weekly, Dec. 10, 1899.
- NYCA = New York Christian Advocate, Jan. 11, 1900.

## MORMONISM: ITS ORIGIN, DOCTRINE AND DANGERS.

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### *The Origin of Mormonism.*

Our Lord said that after his departure false prophets and false teachers would arise and lead many astray. Every succeeding generation has furnished a fulfilment of this prediction. In 1829 the English poet, Robert Southey, cast the horoscope of our western world in these memorable words: "The next Aaron Burr who seeks to carve a kingdom for himself out of the overgrown territories of the Union may discern that *fanaticism* is the most effective weapon with which ambition can arm itself; that the way for both is prepared by that immorality which the want of religion necessarily induces, and that *camp-meetings* may be very well directed to forward the designs of military prophets. Were there another Mohammed to arise, there is no part of the world where he would find more scope or fairer opportunity than in that part of the Anglo-American Union into which the older states continually discharge the restless part of their population, leaving laws and Gospel to overtake it, if they can, for in the march of modern civilization both are left behind." He did not know when he was uttering these words that in the very territory of which he was speaking, there was then another Mohammed