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## Introduction

**C**ONTROVERSIAL writings seldom accomplish much good; but judicial investigations, which discover and disclose facts, in a spirit of justice and courtesy, are worthy of, and usually receive a fair hearing. This book is a judicial essay in the domain of candid history.

The author has discovered and here brought together matter from original documents bearing on the origin and history of all branches of the Mormon Church. The authenticity and very existence of some of these documents have been denied. The facts and verbiage of others, which have been given to the public, have been so garbled as to misrepresent the originals and utterly mislead those reading them.

The facts herewith presented are such that they must be either accepted or disproved—a simple denial, no matter how earnest or conscientious will not suffice.

Owing to the active propaganda of Mormonism there has been a pressing demand for such a work as this. It is hoped that this book will

meet a real public need because of the accuracy and reliability of the matter set forth.

The book is designed to meet the needs of Christian workers who come in contact with Mormon proselyting activities and supply them with practical information.

This work should also appeal to the intelligent class among the Mormons. If the foundations upon which Mormonism is built are unstable, none should be so concerned as the Mormons themselves. This the author has, in no spirit of bitterness, endeavoured to show. The results of his earnest and patient study he here sets down for the consideration of others and it is with pleasure that we commend the book to those interested.

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