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## New Issue of the Book of Mormon

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**Abstract:** This article is an official announcement regarding a new edition of the Book of Mormon, having a new print type, two columns, chapter headings, book and chapter designations, footnote reference revisions, a synopsis of the chapters, a pronouncing vocabulary, and an index.

the example of institutions throughout the state and Church, which have abandoned the sale of tobacco (and there are many others have done so), will receive like results, as far as their financial interests are concerned, besides a thousand-fold morally.

The Z. C. M. I. drug store in Salt Lake City has quit the sale of tobacco, and there is no doubt that many other stores throughout the Church, now selling the useless and poisonous product, will follow the splendid and far-reaching example. The M. O. Funk grocery, South Seventh East Street, Salt Lake City, reports having quit selling tobacco, and that their trade is as brisk as ever.

Mrs. E. Barnhart, 1964, 5th East; and the Wells Ward Grocery, 1961 So. 6th East, have also quit carrying tobacco.

Jesse M. Smith, President of the Snowflake stake, Arizona, writes as follows under the date of January 8:

“With reference to the M. I. slogan in this stake, we are rather proud to report that since December first, the sale of tobacco has stopped in all towns of this stake, with the exception of three,—two of these have only a very small population of our people, and the merchants of the other towns have quit selling to the townspeople and sell only to large buyers at wholesale. We expect to be able to eliminate the selling of tobacco in this the Holbrook ward.”

We believe that no institution or individual will be injured in the least by discontinuing the sale of tobacco, and it is clearly evident, that all persons would be benefited, in every way, if they quit its use. There is no advantage, financial, moral, religious, or physical, in the use of tobacco. “We stand for the non-use and the non-sale of tobacco,” is the slogan of the auxiliary organizations of the Church, of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, numbering over 300,000 people.—A.

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### Official Announcement of the First Presidency

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We are pleased to announce a new issue of the Book of Mormon.

From the time of its first publication, in 1830, to the present, the demand for this volume of Scripture has been constantly increasing.

So many imprints have been taken from the several sets of old plates that all of these have become defectively worn, and the preparation of a new set of electrotypes was deemed imperative.

The necessary re-setting of type afforded an opportunity of making several improvements in book-making details. Among these improvements the following are worthy of special mention:

1. Instead of the small type heretofore used, the text of the new issue is printed from 8-point Bible-type, which produces a large bold-faced letter, particularly clear and easy to read.
2. The text is set in two columns to the page, Bible style, thus presenting short lines, which are easily followed, instead of the long lines of full-page width hitherto used.
3. Each chapter is preceded by a concise heading, embodying its principal contents.
4. The designation of book and chapter at the top of each page has been simplified and made much more serviceable than the old style.
5. The foot-note references have been carefully revised, and in some instances amplified.
6. At the bottom of each page, excepting only the Book of Ether, the chronology of principal events is given, as such a time "B. C." or "A. D." The years are distinguished as exact or approximate specifications, according to the information furnished by the Book of Mormon itself.
7. Preceding the text is a "Brief Analysis of the Book of Mormon," which will greatly assist the reader in comprehending the relations of the several divisions or "books" to each other.
8. Also preceding the text, appears a comprehensive account of the "Origin of the Book of Mormon," which is couched, almost entirely, in the words of the inspired translator, Joseph Smith, the Prophet.
9. Following the text is a "Synopsis of Chapters" and other helps.
10. A "Pronouncing Vocabulary" gives a simple and consistent pronunciation of practically every proper name, and of some other words, of Book of Mormon origin.
11. What promises to be one of the most helpful features of the new issue is the comprehensive "Index," comprising sixty-eight columns of reference data, grouped both according to subjects and to important passages. The need of an index to the Book of Mormon has long been yearningly felt and strongly expressed. We doubt not that this addendum to the volume will be greatly appreciated.

The first edition from the new plates is printed on paper of superior quality, and is supplied in a variety of better-class bindings.

We trust the publication of the Book of Mormon in this improved form will result in a more devoted study of this distinctive volume of Holy Scripture, and in a fuller application

of its saving precepts and principles in the lives of our people and amongst all who read it.

*Heber J. Grant,  
Anthon H. Lund,  
Charles W. Penrose,  
First Presidency.*

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 24, 1920.

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## For the Relief of the Suffering in Asia and Europe

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Early in January, the First Presidency issued the following call to Church members to observe a Special Fast Day, the collections to be devoted to the relief of the hungry children of Asia and Europe:

### *Special Fast Meeting, January 23*

It is hereby directed that in all the stakes and wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to which this notice shall come, a Special Fast Meeting be held on Sunday, January 23, at 2 p. m. on which occasion collections will be made and contributions received for the "Near East" Relief Fund which is dealing with the distress prevailing in Armenia and in other oppressed sections of Asia, and also for the European Relief Council which is planning to provide food for three and a half million hungry children in mid-Europe.

Bishops are requested to invoke the services of their ward teachers and all other available agencies in making a thorough canvass of their wards, between now and the date named, in order that every family shall be invited and encouraged to contribute the equivalent of at least the two meals contemplated by the fast, for the feeding of those who are confronted by long months of semi-starvation. We should like to feel that every man, woman and child in all our communities had done this much in responding to this most piteous appeal to their humanity; while of course those who feel so inclined may contribute as much more as they choose. All funds thus collected should be forwarded without delay to the office of the Presiding Bishopric.

The condition of these millions of under-nourished little ones in Europe, as described by those who have visited the countries of central and southeastern Europe, is tragic in the extreme. Whatever may have been the causes of the present woe, the children are not responsible. They must not be allowed to perish if an outstretched hand offering sustenance and nourishment can save them. Let every parent in our land of peace and plenty—and let every child also—bestow a sympathetic thought upon a situation of such suffering as happily they have never known—