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Abstract: This is a series of articles intended for Relief Society course study. It discusses the importance of the Book of Mormon, its coming forth (i.e., the translation, the witnesses, the publication, Joseph Smith), brief overview of its contents, and explains the text from 1 Nephi 1 through Alma 58. Each article features several questions that are helpful in synthesizing and applying the Book of Mormon to daily life.

had dragged my name through the mire for attending those "Mormon meetings"; and Brother Griffiths and his family for hiring me there.

The newspapers wrote vile slanders—I was within a couple of months of my twentieth birthday at the time. With all this publicity all the book shops suddenly displayed scores of four-penny and sixpenny anti-"Mormon" novels, written principally by Winifred Graham. The sale, I should imagine, was rapid. I had no need to buy any myself; I was presented with them by friends, in the hope that by reading them I would be saved from destruction.

December, 1923, was almost the worst month we had known. Every branch, and street meetings in Newport and Cardiff, were overwhelmed with a hurricane of persecution; and to complete matters, the doctor of the district, who was a family friend, made a statement to the Press that several girls had disappeared from a place called Machen, and further stated that the "Mormon" Elders were responsible.

The people at this time would believe anything but truth. The religious sects wrote paragraphs to the *Weekly Argus*, South Wales, against allowing these "terrible people" to hold meetings in a council house, and appealing to the council to support them in their opposition. It was at this time that President David O. McKay sent his indignant letter to the Abercarn Council. It caused a great sensation, as did the fact that the doctor who had made such a grave charge had to withdraw it, as he could not prove a word.

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I was baptized into the Church at Deseret, London, on January 25th, 1925. I have never regretted becoming a Latter-day Saint; I am proud to be a member of Christ's Church, and I thank God that I had the privilege of hearing the Gospel, and for the strength He gave me to hold firm when opposition was strong.

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IN THE study of the last five chapters of the Book of Mosiah one is impressed with the great need of each man having his own testimony as to the truth of the Gospel. God is no respecter of persons; the son of the king or High Priest must walk the same road to righteousness that is pursued by the humblest peasant. As it was before Christ's advent on earth so is it to-day. Man stands or falls as a result of his own actions.

*Lesson 16 of the Relief Society Course of Study—for use on the second lesson night in August. Read Mosiah, chapter 25, to the Book of Alma.

Read and study these chapters, for their truths are helpful in the pursuit of daily happiness.

QUESTIONS

1. Who was Mulek? Where were his descendants found? What events led to their discovery?
2. Tell what you know about Zeniff and his record.
3. Read chapter 26 of Mosiah and tell what is taught therein.
4. Tell the story of the sons of Mosiah and of Alma the son of Alma.
5. What were the twenty-four plates referred to in chapter 28 of Mosiah. How were they translated and of what did they relate?
6. What form of government had the people at this time and why was it so.
7. Tell of the death of Alma and of Mosiah.
8. In what way do the teachings of the Book of Mormon coincide with those of the Bible.
9. Is its study an added testimony of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Why and how?

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Release and Appointment: At a meeting of the Nottingham District missionaries, held under the direction of Mission President John A. Widtsoe in Nottingham on July 13th, the honourable release of District President Waldo L. Osmond and the appointment of Elder Rulon W. Stevenson as President of the Nottingham District were announced.

Transfers: The following missionaries have been transferred from and to the Districts specified: Elder Willis E. Bean, Scottish to Leeds; Elder H. Gardell Jacobson, Bristol to Liverpool; Elder Brandt D. Jorgensen, Nottingham to Bristol; Elder Stanley W. Layton, Liverpool to Nottingham; Elder Alvin G. Pack, Manchester to Liverpool; Elder Alva L. Ritchie, Leeds to Scotland.

Arrivals and Assignments: The following missionaries arrived in Southampton on July 18th aboard the *Empress of France*; they have been thus assigned:

For the British Mission: John L. Clarke, American Fork, Utah, to the London District.

For the German-Austrian Mission: Merrill Ralph Banks, Lehi, Utah; Jack William Metcalf, Salt Lake City, Utah; Harold L. Welch, Ogden, Utah; Reed Milton Willardsen, Mayfield, Utah.

For the Netherlands Mission: Archie L. Richardson, Ogden, Utah.

For the Swiss-German Mission: Herman B. Ehlers, Salt Lake City, Utah; Perry Stewart, Logan, Utah.