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The Greatest of All American Books

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Abstract: This article claims that the Book of Mormon is the most important of all American books.

Block, exclaimed, "See what the Book of Mormon hath wrought!" In a sense the Book of Mormon is responsible for the buildings on the Temple Block, Salt Lake City, and all other Latter-day Saint temples.

The Greatest of all American Books

One hundred years ago on the 22nd of September, 1827, the Angel Moroni delivered the plates containing the Book of Mormon to the Prophet Joseph Smith. We do not hesitate to call it the most important of American books. We do this because the book contains the history of people who lived on this continent from the time of the confounding of tongues at the Tower of Babel to 400 A. D. It contains the gospel in its simplicity and is a new and powerful witness for Christ. If any other American book can lay claim to such importance as the Book of Mormon, we shall retract what we have said, for this challenge is issued in all sincerity.

The Evening-Tide

By Henry F. Kirkham

How peaceful is the gentle evening-tide!
The setting sun has gone to final rest,
The cooling breezes from the canyon come,
And robin red-breast sings his parting song.

Over earth a solemn silence falls,
The evening star shines faintly in the east,
The busy cares of day are laid aside,
And calm and quiet settles over all.

Brief period, ere the shades of night descend,
And darkness takes the burden of the day,
A sudden pause, as if God said to man,
"Turn thee from things of life—and worship me."