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A STATEMENT OF FACTS

RELATING TO THE

SELF-STYLED "LATTER DAY SAINTS,"

And the Origin of the Book of Mormon,

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AN EXPOSURE OF MORMONISM.

THE principal portions of the following pages are extracts from books and papers, which have been published in America, and are collected for the purpose of exhibiting in a comprehensive form, some important facts concerning the leaders of the Mormon sect, and the origin of the book of Mormon. The compiler having spent the principal part of the last seven years in the United States of America, and having returned home on a visit to his friends, and for the benefit of his health, was not a little surprised to find that those persons, who had produced so much excitement in some parts of America, on the subject of Mormonism, had found their way to his native country, and to his native village, (West Bradford, near Clitheroe.) As might be expected, nearly every person he conversed with, enquired of him concerning the emissaries of the American or Mormonite sect. To those enquiries he furnished from memory such answers as he deemed sufficient to expose the imposture; not being aware at the time that he had with him any documents relating to it; afterwards, however, on looking over papers in his possession relating to another subject, he unexpectedly found amongst them, the extracts embodied in these pages, presenting facts which speak volumes, and which ought to satisfy every enquiring mind; facts which may be relied on, being substantiated by the most credible witnesses, and coming from the best authority; in several instances from men who have not only seen and heard, but felt, the withering influence of this base delusion. These facts refer principally to the character of the leaders of this imposture, the origin of the book of Mormon, the principal design of Smith and others in commencing and prosecuting their iniquitous scheme, and the practical operation of their theories in the Mormonite community.

When any system of religion is presented to us for our reception, and especially when it comes to us with the pretended sanction of the Deity, and professes to be the only way for man to become reconciled to his Maker; when it hangs the eternal destiny of the undying spirit upon its reception, and connects with the rejection of it, the anguish of the deathless worm and unquenchable fire, it is but reasonable that it should carry with it some evidence of its authenticity; such evidence has at least been given with regard to those revelations of our Maker's will which we have received. We have the evidence of prophecy, of miracles, of purity of doctrine, and of the holy examples, pious lives, and disinterested conduct of those who have been the chosen instruments of the Almighty, to convey to man the records of his will. Before we receive another book of revelation, it is but just that we ask for the evidence of its divinity. The book of Mormon is presented to us with the strongest pretensions to divine revelations, but without even the shadow of the evidence required. Upon the statements of this book, the Mormonite religion is based. Those statements are represented to be "written and sealed up, and hid up unto the Lord, that they might