MORMONISM DISCUSSED.

"BASIC REVELATION" OF MORMONISM.

Rev. Nutting Argues that it is Untrue Because Contrary to the Testimony of History—The Reply is that it is True Because in Perfect Accord With Holy Writ and Well Known Facts.

No. 1.

Introductory Note.—It is naturally agreed to consider all presentation from the pulpit of the Latter-day Saints as in the nature of a defense. It is proper to state that the facts upon which the respective views are based, are not in dispute, and the only issue is as to their meaning and as that of our opponents, of course, is that the world is to know the truth, that he may follow it, so are we glad to have the matter put in this manner, for truth does not fear the searchlight, the more it is turned upon it the more it shines. We trust that the world may see that we are for truth, that we always are true to the truth, and that we are true to the truth. It is for the sake of the truth that we are willing to be misunderstood and misrepresented, and even reviled and hated, and we are willing to be so treated, and we are so, it is to be hoped that all remember, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you."

Now sincerely, for the sake of the truth and of the Lord, we remain,

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THE OPENING ARGUMEMT.

Mormonism appeals to the world as a new religion, engaged with current beliefs. As such it must logically take the burden of proving itself true before the world. To do for this Mormonism otherwise takes the "burden of proof" of the opposite statement, as desired, and will attempt to show that Mormonism is not true, starting at the beginning of our system, that the first proposition is this: That Mormonism is false because its basic "revelation" is false.

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