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Abstract: The Book of Mormon came forth at a time when there was a great need for faith. It is a record of God's personal dealings with the ancient inhabitants of America and its purpose is to convince the Jew and gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God.

DOUBLING THE EVIDENCE OF FAITH

By Elder B. H. Roberts

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1.)

"Faith . . . the evidence of things not seen." The point to be emphasized here is that Faith rests on evidence; and it must follow that there is a proportion between evidence and Faith. When the evidence is large and strong, the Faith will be correspondingly strong. As you increase or intensify the evidence, so also you increase the Faith.

At the beginning of the New Dispensation—over a hundred years ago—the world's great need was undoubtedly Faith, and hence the logical step to be taken in the development of that New Dispensation after God had raised up his first Witness, Joseph Smith, was to increase the evidence for the supreme religious truths; and hence the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, the record of God's handdealings with the ancient inhabitants of America, chiefly a branch of the house of Israel, descendants of Joseph, son of Jacob.

The express purpose for which this record was written, preserved, revealed, and published in the New Dispensation was that it might convince "the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God." (See Preface of the Book of Mormon on title page, current edition). This book is virtually a new volume of scripture, the voice of the inhabitants of the Western continent, testifying that they were not neglected of God in the matter of making known to them the supreme truths of his revelation to man—the existence of God, that Jesus Christ was his Son, and the Savior of the world. Bringing forth this book may be said to double the divine evidence for these truths, and it must follow that those who accept it greatly enlarge their Faith by reason of thus increasing the volume of evidence for Faith.

—*Deseret News.*

MOTHER

From The Pathfinder.

Who is it that bears untold agonies in order to give us that magical experience called life? Whose tender care ministers to our early well being? Who runs to help us when we fall; who scrubs the grimy little hands; whose heart beats quicker at the sound of childish prattle; whose skillful needle mends raiment torn in careless play? Who sheds a tear at the first shearing of our long locks? At our first long pants or our first party dress?

Father? No; mother!

Whose solicitous eyes see us started along the path to education? Who willingly performs the most arduous and disagreeable task if it is to benefit her children? Who stays at home while youth sallies forth to enjoy itself? Who, after a long self-sacrificing day, puts a smile on her tired face to welcome home the husband? Who cheerfully mends a torn catcher's mitt for a boy or sews a bit of ribbon on a girl's dress before being left alone to wash the dinner dishes?

Yes, it's mother!

Who is proudest when we get our first raise? Who so bravely sends her own flesh and blood to war when the call of country comes? Who comforts us in time of distress and inspires in us the will to succeed?

Again it's mother!

Who is so tearfully happy when we are all married and "settled down," as she likes to say? And who, when the tired hands are folded and the loving eyes grow dim, is so grateful for any little attention from her boys and girls (yes, they are always boys and girls to her)?

Of course it's mother!

Young and old, single or married, we should all think of and honor our mothers, not only on Mother's Day but every day in the year. Always remember that though youth may fade, sorrows darken and friendships fall, a mother's love outlives them all.