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(59)-6200-The pride of the Mormons—Temple and Tabernacle,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
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This building and that huge, low, egg-shaped "Tabernacle" at the left together form the focus of this remarkable community. The Mormon faith began less than a century ago (1830) in a New York village; now it has over 375,000 adherents, most of them in the United States. Salt Lake City was founded in 1847 by Brigham Young, the famous apostle of the new faith, and up to 1870 it was populated almost exclusively by his followers, but since that time its convenience as a business centre has brought in people of all faiths, who have their own churches and their own ideas of social ethics. The population is to-day over 53,000. The city has excellent modern equipment in the way of water, gas and electricity; it is an important trading centre, and its own manufacturing enterprises produce annually almost \$4,000,000 worth of goods.

The Temple grounds here are in the heart of the city, and cover ten acres. The Temple itself is of gray granite. It was forty years in building and cost about \$4,000,000. It is 99x186 feet, and that tallest spire, where the copper angel stands with outstretched arm, is 220 feet above the sidewalk. The Tabernacle alongside is one of the architectural curiosities of the world. That queer roof is self-supporting; it covers an auditorium with remarkable acoustic properties, seating 7,000 people, and houses one of the largest organs in the world.

It is from these two buildings that the peculiar faith of Mormonism radiates. The sacred *Book of the Prophet Mormon* is said to have been translated from ancient inscriptions on certain plates of gold, buried in the ground near Palmyra, N. Y. Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, claimed to have found the plates by means of an angel visitor sent from heaven. The *Book* was itself not a revelation of doctrine, but an historical narrative. Doctrines had a later origin, and some of them, especially those regarding polygamous marriage, are now discountenanced by the church authorities.

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The Pride of the Mormons — Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

L'orgueil des Mormons — Temple dans la ville de Salt Lake, Utah.

Der Mormonen Stolz: der Tempel in der Stadt am Salzsee in Utah.

El orgullo de los Mormones — Templo en la ciudad Lago Salado, Utah.

Mormonernas stolthet — Templet; Saltsjöstaden, Utah.

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