

Church, and a statement of their doctrines ; from these I give the following summary : —

The " Book of Mormon " which was presented is an English edition of six hundred and twenty-three handsomely printed pages. It is divided into chapters and verses, and is written much after the style of the Old Testament. It professes to be an inspired historic book, and claims to give the origin and history of the North-American Indians. It teaches, that, when the Lord confounded the languages at the Tower of Babel, he led forth a colony from thence to the Western Continent, which is now called America ; that this colony, after crossing the ocean in eight vessels, and landing in that country, became in process of time a great nation. They inhabited America for some fifteen hundred years they were at length destroyed for their wickedness. A prophet by the name of Ether wrote their history, and an account of their destruction. Ether lived to witness their entire destruction, and deposited his record where it was afterwards found by a colony of Israelites who came from Jerusalem six hundred years before Christ, and re-peopled America. This last colony were descendants of the tribe of Joseph. They grew and multiplied, and finally gave rise to two mighty nations. The people of one of these nations were called Nephites, one Nephi be-