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**ANGEL MORONI STATUE**

A monument to the angel Moroni (*see* MORONI, ANGEL) stands atop the hill CUMORAH, four miles south of Palmyra, New York, where MORONI<sub>2</sub> gave



*Angel Moroni Monument*, by Torlief S. Knaphus (1935, granite and cast bronze, 39'), at the Hill Cumorah, south of Palmyra, New York. This monument stands on the Hill Cumorah where the gold plates containing the Book of Mormon record were deposited and where the Angel Moroni delivered them in 1827 to Joseph Smith.