

Among the Mormons

A Survey of Current Literature

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*A sense of humor keen enough to show a
man his own absurdities will
keep him from the commission of all sins,
or nearly all, save those that are
worth committing.*

*Samuel Butler the Younger,
LIFE AND HABIT.*

*Reader who art too seriously
disposed, depart whither you will;
I wrote these verses for the man
of wit.*

Martial, EPIGRAMS, Bk. 11, epig. 16.

These are times when the burdens of life, especially in my ivory tower, press down heavily. At such times, when attempting to meet *Dialogue's* deadline, relief appears in the guise of an unusual thesis or dissertation. The spell-breaker this year was "The First Fabulous Flight of Flutter Hedgehop," a master's thesis accepted at a Utah university in 1969. Whether the "Flutter Hedgehop" is real or mythical is of little note. That the authoress conceived her subject to be light enough for a fabulous academic flight places her above the scholarly flock. Second choice for the most thought provoking title was "Ideal Size of Family among Unmarried Females in Northern Utah." It boggles the mind; but hold, I am assured that the "ideal size" is the goal sought by marriage-bound females *after* marriage. No doubt the prospective husband will have some influence upon the realization of these premarital desires.

And so once again we present the theses and dissertations accepted by American colleges and universities on the broad subject of Mormons and Mormonism. As in the past, all dissertations, except those on geology, that touch on Utah are listed. Theses are more rigorously screened, so that the connection with Mormonism generally must depend on more than that the thesis centers on life and conditions in Utah. Further information regarding selection and sources may be found in previous Summer issues of *Dialogue*.

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