

# Among the Mormons

## A Survey of Current Literature

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Fear you not my part of the dialogue.

*Shakespeare. MUCH ADO ABOUT  
NOTHING. Act III, scene 1.*

There can never be deep peace between  
two spirits, never mutual respect,  
until, in their dialogue, each stands  
for the whole world.

*Emerson — "Of Friendship," ESSAYS.*

Over a year ago this column called attention to three new journals which in one way or another would be of interest to Mormons or bibliophiles of Mormonism. The journals noted were *Mormon History*, *The Carpenter: Reflections on Mormon Life* and *The Western Historical Quarterly*. *Mormon History* and *The Carpenter* are of unique Mormon interest and the latter journal has published a third issue, the contents of which are reported below. *Mormon History* (a journal of reprints) is now in its second volume. Among the items it has reprinted are Hector Lee's published thesis, *The Three Nephites*, Thomas Kane's lecture, "The Mormons," sections of the 1837 *Book of Mormon* (to be printed over a number of years), and portions of the first printing of the *Pearl of Great Price*. The editors of *Mormon History* also publish *Restoration Reporter*, which contains "news and views of the other Latter Day Saints. . . ." As information on this journal becomes available it will be reported in these pages. The *Western Historical Quarterly* with the backing of the Western History Association has successfully gone through four issues and appears to be destined for a long life. The first volume of this quarterly contained several articles on Mormon topics which are reported on below.

While it might appear that the market for additional journals published for the limited L.D.S. clientel has been saturated, such is not the case. Members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

have come out with a journal based on the *Dialogue* format. Published by the Venture Foundation of Lamoni, Iowa, the quarterly is titled *Courage: a Journal of History, Thought and Action*.\*

According to the editors, "a major purpose for *Courage* is to make possible a dialogue between people representing different backgrounds and persuasions." In the first issue, the editors state that the "critical function" of *Courage* is to fulfill the

need for scholarly study and thoughtful reflection on matters of importance to Latter Day Saints. We believe that this is not simply a luxury which the church could do without. Scholarly study and reflection are necessary in a world that is more highly educated.

Because man's knowledge is expanded, we are called upon even more today to make sure that what claims we make can stand critical examination. An intelligent person will not respect an organization that does not recognize the value of its own self-scrutiny. Such an organization bases its beliefs on ignorance. Potential new members will have to be drawn almost entirely from those who are ignorant in areas related to the church's doctrines, and youth raised in such a church can be expected to leave in larger numbers unless they are kept in ignorance.

We believe that any institution must eventually reach the point where either it becomes mature enough to engage in self-criticism, or that its heart will die — even though the outward form may endure long after death. . . . We feel the church has been far too slow in developing sources of self-criticism. . . . We feel that *Courage* can fill a real need for independent thought in the Church. . . . *Courage* can discuss issues that are not at this time discussed in the official organs of the Church. . . . We realize that we are expecting to accomplish a lot with the publication of *Courage*. . . . We may well fall short of our goals. But if our objectives are only partially met, the effort will have been worthwhile.

As this column was being prepared for the printer, word was received of another RLDS publication. Called *Zion's Warning*, the journal is available from World Redemption, 2640 Rainier Way, La Habra, Calif. 90631. We have no indication of the thrust of this endeavor.

Some time ago the L.D.S. Church announced that the magazines it publishes — *The Improvement Era*, *The Children's Friend*, the *Relief Society Magazine* and *The Instructor* — would be discontinued in favor of three new magazines beginning in January, 1971. The new magazines are *The Ensign of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, the adult magazine; *The New Era*, the youth-young adult magazine; and *The Friend*, the children's magazine. According to an article in the October 3, 1970, *Church News*, the purpose of all three magazines is "to build testimonies among Church members, assist the programs of the Church, and aid Church members in their family and citizenship responsibilities." The article concludes by noting that the editors of the respective magazines "welcome contributions and ideas

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from Church members," especially those which "place special emphasis on the live human experiences of individuals that will motivate others to a greater commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Latter-day Saints are invited to share their testimonies and experiences with editors." Another Church periodical which ceased publication at the end of 1970 in favor of the new magazines is *The Millennial Star*, which began its illustrious career in 1840 under the editorship of Parley P. Pratt. Published in England, *The Star's* early issues are important sources of information about the Church's history.

An unusual L.D.S.-oriented publication that has had limited circulation is *The Olive Leaf*, which the editor calls "a hip-L.D.S.-youth newsletter." Begun in Los Angeles in 1968 and published in Provo, Utah, during 1969 and 1970, *The Olive Leaf* is "temporarily defunct due to [the] missions of [its] editors," according to Elder Scott S. Smith of the West German Mission. If *The Olive Leaf* is ever resurrected we trust the editors will send *Dialogue* review copies.

News of yet another publishing venture has come from Logan, Utah, where the Western Text Society hopes to fulfill "the widespread desire among Americans to become acquainted with our cultural heritage." Publications of the Society will be based on Utah State University's collection of Western Americana and apparently those of "participating institutions." Membership is \$4.00 per year, which amount will be applied as credit toward any publication of the Society purchased by members. Already available are Austin E. Fife's *Heaven on Horseback*, an annotated collection of 49 cowboy songs; A. J. Simmonds, *Index to Names in the Library of Congress Collection of Mormon Diaries*; and Mary A. Washington, *An Annotated Bibliography of Western Manuscripts in the Merrill Library*.

A unique aspect of the Western Text Society is the request, found in its announcement flier, that individual members "locate records and inform the Society of their whereabouts, and . . . persuade owners of the desirability of having them in an archive and available for public use. The Society will provide on request, a photocopy at cost, of any document accepted for these archives." Certainly this is an inexpensive (if it works) way of building an historical manuscripts collection, but one is left to ruminate on the possible copyright problems inherent in the dissemination of unpublished manuscripts not in the public domain.

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The Mormon History Association *Newsletter* announced that its award for the best book in Mormon History for 1969-70 went to Richard P. Howard's *Restoration Scriptures; A Study of Their Textual Development* (Independence, Mo., Department of Religious Education, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). Richard L. Anderson was awarded a prize for his essays on early Mormon History appearing in *The Improvement Era*, *BYU Studies*, and *The Instructor*.

The editors welcome contributions to the three annual bibliographic

compilations which appear in this section — books and pamphlets, dissertations and theses, and periodical articles.

# PERIODICAL ARTICLES ON MORMONS AND MORMONISM

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And died from lack of sleep.  
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