

# AMONG THE MORMONS

## A Survey of Current Literature

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*Books are no substitute for living,  
but they can add immeasurably to its richness.*  
MAY H. ARBUTHNOT, *Children and Books*

If we accept the value Ms. Arbuthnot places upon books, the Mormon community is indeed rich. The editor of this column never ceases to be amazed by the quantity (and increasingly the quality) of books and periodicals directed at the Mormon audience. Among the new entrants, of which most of *Dialogue's* subscribers should have received a sample issue, is *Exponent II*, published by Mormon Sister, Inc. of Arlington, Massachusetts. *Exponent II* is "A quarterly newspaper concerning Mormon women, published by Mormon Women, and of interest to Mormon women and others." (Available for \$2.50 per year from *Exponent II*, Box 37, Arlington, Massachusetts 02174.)

Another new publication is the *Journal of Mormon History*, published annually by the Mormon History Association. It can be acquired through Kenneth W. Godfrey, Secretary/Treasurer of the Association, 1302 Edvalson Street, Ogden, Utah 84403. The first issue of 72 pp. contains four articles and no book reviews or notes. A sparse but promising beginning.

The contents of volume 1 are: "The Prophet Puzzle: Suggestions Leading Toward a More Comprehensive Interpretation of Joseph Smith," by Jan Shipp; "The Evolution of the Presiding Quorums of the LDS Church," by D. Michael Quinn; "Mormonism's Encounter with Spiritualism," by Davis Bitton; and "The Stenhouses and the Making of a Mormon Image," by Ronald W. Walker.

Other new periodicals include the *Newsletter* of the Committee on Mormon Society and Culture, (\$2.50 P.O. Box 7258, University Station, Provo, Utah 84602) and *AMCAP Notes*. The former, edited by John Sorenson, is full of interesting bibliographical tidbits for those interested in Mormon society and culture. The latter is a publication of the Association of Mormon Composers and Performers (Verena Hatch, AMCAP Secretary, 883 N. 1200 E., Provo, Utah 84601. The \$5.00 annual fee includes membership in the Association). *AMCAP Notes* supercedes *Notes of the L.D.S. Composers Association* previously noted in this column.

*Restoration Reporter* formerly published in Illinois has been resurrected by its publisher in Provo, Utah. Concerned with the smaller Restoration Churches the *Reporter* may be obtained from David C. Martin, 593 South 1350 East, Provo, Utah 84601.

The Brigham Young University Press has launched a new publishers series called "Studies in Mormon History." The first volume in this series is a new

biography of Charles C. Rich by Leonard Arrington (reviewed in this issue of *Dialogue*).

The University of Utah Library has also come out with a new series of reprints and original works under the series title of "Utah, The Mormons, and the West." Full details are available from the University of Utah Press, Building 513, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112.

Finally, Peregrine-Smith publishing house is producing a series known as "The Peregrine-Smith Mormon Library," which contains books on "Mormon History and Culture including the Classic Mormon Diary Series." Information available from Peregrine-Smith, Inc. P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

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