## AMONG THE MORMONS

## **A Survey of Current Literature**

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"Progress has been much more general than retrogression."

DARWIN, The Origin of Species (Chapter 5)

Progress implies change and for this writer the call to explore new opportunities has become more insistent in recent years. It will soon be ten years since this column appeared in the first issue of *Dialogue*. Ten years seems sufficient to insure a sound beginning. If there are any among our readers who wish to take up the challenge of editing this column now is the time to step forward.

The subject of this column is, again, periodicals. The close student of "Among the Mormons" will recognize that the Summer, 1974 issue also dealt with periodicals. For a variety of reasons, with which we need not bore you, it's periodicals once again.

First there was Dialogue, then Courage, The Carpenter, Exponent II, and perhaps others and now there is another new LDS periodical—Sunstone. Subtitled "A Quarterly Journal of Mormon Experience, Scholarship, Issues and Art," Sunstone is directed at LDS youth and published in Berkeley, California (Box 4200). Another new title is Utah Magazine (976 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101). At press time we are not aware of the direction of this journal. Still another new title is Measuring Mormonism, a publication of the Association for the Study of Religion (c/o Glenn M. Vernon, 3646 East 3580 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109). Apparently an annual, Measuring Mormonism contains the "best" papers given at an annual seminar on the sociology of Mormonism held at the University of Utah. It is a pleasure to report that Tangents, the annual publication of the Brigham Young University Honors program has released a third issue. Two articles of interest in Tangents III are "The Causes of the Mormon Reformation of 1856-57" and "The Trumpet of Zion: Mormon Conversion and Emigration in Britain."

The Mormon History Association has announced the following awards for recent contributions to historical writing: Best Book Award to Dean C. Jessee for his editorial work on Letters of Brigham Young to His Sons. Best Article Awards went to D. Michael Quinn and Gordon Irving. Special awards were presented to Dr. Kenneth W. Godfrey, Kenneth Stobaugh, Dr. T. Edgar Lyon, Ralph Tate, Jr. and George S. Tanner for various aspects of meritorious service.

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