

# AMONG THE MORMONS

## A Survey of Current Literature

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Just over ten years ago I was approached by four young Mormons who were affiliated with Stanford University in one capacity or another. They wanted to know if there was a library market for a scholarly Mormon journal. From first hand knowledge I counselled them on the pitfalls (especially financial) of starting a journal, even one that would be run by volunteers. Disregarding my sage advice, youth would not be denied and *Dialogue* was born in 1966 with "Among the Mormons" as a regular feature from the first issue. Ten years is a long time to serve on a mission and as I look back on the decade just past, I empathize with the "Wage-Slave"—Master, I've earned my rest.

Many hands have contributed to whatever success this effort has achieved. I would be remiss not to publicly acknowledge the help of Chad Flake of Brigham Young University, Dr. Everett Cooley of the University of Utah and Mrs. Ida-Marie Jensen of Utah State University.

Bibliography is not light reading. We have endeavored to maintain a light touch in our columns. As this is my last column, I dedicate it to *Dialogue's* humorist, the late Rustin Kaufman of Rexburg, Idaho.

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