

AMONG THE MORMONS

A SURVEY OF CURRENT LITERATURE

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AS HEMINGWAY PUT IT, "A writer's problem does not change. He himself changes and the world he lives in changes but his problem remains the same. It is always how to write truly and, having found what is true, to project it in such a way that it becomes a part of the experience of the person who reads it." Against this standard, those who write on Mormon topics fare quite well. Today, for the most part, Mormons and Mormonism are looked upon with a professionalism and objectivity that only a few years ago would have been considered unthinkable. Equally amazing is the number of quality pieces. Although much of the writing comprising "Among the Mormons" is undistinguished, the periodical selections are in general both well written and interesting (as the accompanying selections illustrate). If Mormon literature is to continue the marked improvement it has experienced over the past two decades, much more of the same will be needed; authors represented here must be encouraged. These writings warrant special attention, as do the authors.

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