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The 1968 Mormon Bibliography is expanded from the pattern used in previous issues of Brigham Young University Studies. It consists of selected items from the 1968 Mormon Americana (Volume 9), and, in addition, includes periodical articles from the Brigham Young University Studies, Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, The Improvement Era, and Utah Historical Quarterly. It is hoped that the inclusion of these articles will be advantageous to the reader.

The most important subject of the year 1968 was the finding of the Joseph Smith Egyptian Papyri. The Church should be congratulated on making these materials immediately available to the scholar, and both Brigham Young University Studies and Dialogue should be commended for their presentation of the papyri and the new problems that they introduce in the historiography of the Pearl of Great Price. Although the subject has by no means been exhausted, a great deal of useful information has already been brought to light. In addition, one must not forget that even if nothing scholastically had been gained by the discovery of the papyri, the Church has gained an important group of historical artifacts. One of the fragments, for instance, is in the same frame it was hanging in in the Smith home, and all the fragments are still on the same backing on which they were originally mounted in either Kirtland or Independence.

 Announcement has been made of a new Mormon magazine called Mormon History. This periodical is projected to include theses and reprints of out-of-print books. As of this date, nothing has been published by the group, but it is to be hoped that they will be able to accomplish their objective.

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