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With the untimely death of Dale Morgan in 1971, many feared that Mormonism had lost its only author of analytic Mormon bibliographies. Although Mr. Morgan had only produced three such monographs, *Bibliography of the Church of Jesus Christ*, *Bibliography of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Strangites)*, and *Bibliography of the Churches of the Dispersion*, he was in the process of doing a definitive bibliography of the early history of the Church. It is therefore a great delight to see the emergence of another man of Mr. Morgan’s abilities. This is Peter Crawley, whose ”A Bibliography of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New York, Ohio, and Missouri” was published in *BYU Studies* in the summer of 1972. Although Professor Crawley possibly lacks some of Dale Morgan’s erudition, he makes up for it amply in depth and readability. His bibliography is as complete as is humanly possible, and puts each imprint into its historical perspective. Such a find as the broadside concerning Zion’s Camp is of immense importance. One looks with anticipation for his next publication which will be on the Mormon imprints during the Nauvoo period. As with Mr. Morgan, bibliography is not Professor Crawley’s livelihood, so that unfortunately neither devoted, or is devoting, a preponderance of his time toward this study. This is a shame inasmuch as so few scholars seem genuinely interested in bibliography and can ably handle the subject.

In paying tribute to this fine study of Professor Crawley’s, an accolade should also be given to *BYU Studies* for devoting

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72 pages to a bibliographic monograph which might have had only limited appeal.

In the current Mormon Bibliography, all references to general Church periodicals have been omitted inasmuch as they are cumulatively indexed in a separate publication. As always, great reliance has been placed on *Mormon Americana*, Volume 13.

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