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Several years ago ("Mormon Bibliography: 1971," BYU Studies 12(Spring 1972): 292-294), I prefaced the Mormon bibliography with a note concerning the many reproductions of Mormon books available due to the offset printing method which made such a reproduction financially profitable. At that time I noted the lack of expertise in selecting books for reprinting, citing several titles that were ill-chosen.

During the last several years new companies, that is, new to the field of Mormon bibliography, have begun reprinting Mormon titles. The more prolific are the Martin Mormon Reprints, of Provo and Nauvoo, Xerox University Microfilms of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the S. K. Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, Texas. The least comprehensible of the three is the S. K. Taylor Publishing Company, which seems to print items without any apparent reason. For instance, it printed "Report of the Glasgow Quarterly Conference, held in the Mechanics' Institution Hall . . . June 15th and 16th, 1850" which has little interest. Also it seems that in Texas it is so removed from Utah publishing that it was unaware that Everett Cooley was editing Elizabeth Kane's Twelve Mormon Homes Visited in Succession on a Journey through Utah and Arizona (Philadelphia, 1894). The result was that the University of Utah reprint was a superior piece of printing to the Taylor edition and also had Professor Cooley's substantive notes.

The selection of items to be reprinted by the Martin Mormon Reprints is better, and with few exceptions, Mr. Martin has chosen items of great importance and scholars will enjoy hard copies of these works. His copy, offset printing from

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xerox copies, leaves much to be desired, and he occasionally prints on yellow, blue and other colored papers. His catalog lists 105 pamphlets, broadsides, etc., and eight books. Of the latter the reprinting of Ethan Smith's *View of the Hebrews* seems a bit esoteric.

Xerox University Microfilms is including a section on Mormonism in its projected microfilm collection on the American West. The selection for this is very poor, including such non-essential items as Robert Richard’s *California Crusoe*, Joseph H. Jackson's *A Narrative of the Adventures and Experiences of Joseph H. Jackson*... and the Schmucker reworking of Henry Mayhew’s *The Mormons* in which he turned an otherwise factual book into an anti-Mormon polemic. Missing from the list are such necessities as John Corrill’s *A Brief History of the Leading Causes of the Hancock Mob*...; William M. Daniels’ *A Correct Account of the Murder of Generals Jose H. and Hyrum Smith*; Gededrah H. Grant’s *The Truth for the Mormons*; Heber C. Kimball’s *Journal of Heber C. Kimball*; Edward Tullidge’s *Life of Joseph the Prophet*, or Joseph Smith’s *Voice of Truth*; to mention only a few.

However, none of these endeavors matches Research Publications, Inc.'s reprints of 29 periodicals and 192 books, pamphlets, etc. which was described at length in *BYU Studies* 8 (Spring 1968):335. This collection was brought together under the able direction of Archibald Hanna, Jr., Curator, Yale Collection of Western Americana, and remains the most substantive reprint collection on Mormon Americana.

In the current Mormon Bibliography, most references to general Church periodicals, except for selected items from the *Ensign*, have been omitted inasmuch as they are indexed elsewhere. As always great reliance has been placed on *Mormon Americana*, Volume 15.

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