

Mormon Bibliography: 1969

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During the last few years I have lectured to classes on Mormon bibliography and have been consultant for many who have done their research in the field of Mormon history. Among other things, I belabored the fact that there was a lack of research materials concerning the Mormon sojourn in New York State. Then a disturbing pamphlet was published by the Reverend Wesley Walters entitled *New Light on Mormonism*, which questioned the chronology of the early experiences of Joseph Smith. Since that publication, a concerted effort has been made to add to our knowledge of Mormonism in New York. Although, as of this moment, the research is far from conclusive, it has certainly been a fine step in the right direction. It is hoped that this will continue until we have a mass of material to adequately understand the beginnings of Mormonism. Much of the preliminary research has been published in *BYU Studies* and summarized in *Dialogue*. It is to be hoped that no one will feel that the job of research has been finished, but that the search has just begun.

In the 1968 *Mormon Bibliography*, I congratulated the Church in allowing the Joseph Smith papyri to be made available to scholars after their discovery. When I congratulated various journals for publishing them, I inadvertantly ignored the publication done by *The Improvement Era*. May I apologize for this oversight and mention that pictures of the papyri fragments were also published in the *Era* as well as a series of articles authored by Professor Hugh Nibley.

As in the past, for the compilation of the *Mormon Bibliography*, I have relied heavily on *Mormon Americana*, Vol. 10, 1969.

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