

the scientific-oriented field of archaeology and Book of Mormon studies. Keeping abreast of archaeological information is a full-time job, hence few people are in a position to devote the time needed to this subject. Yet, there is a wealth of information and enlightenment there that remains to be tapped. This newsletter hopes to draw on the findings of those who are in a position to give time to these areas of research and make this information available to interested church members."

With headquarters in Independence, the Foundation has prepared and published several good Book of Mormon related items, including a learning game and a study map of Book of Mormon geography. The newsletter, published several times yearly, has presented interesting articles on Mesoamerican archaeology and also has devoted some time to Book of Mormon related testimonies. P. O. Box 1727, Independence, Missouri 64055. There is no set fee, but donations are needed.

BITTERROOT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Located in Pinesdale, Montana, the Bitterroot Publishing Company is a relative newcomer to the movement. In 1980 a tremendous volume of 616 pages, entitled *The Notes or Selected References on the Fullness of the Gospel for Saints and Other Interested Students, Volume 1* was published. The compiler, Robert R. Openshaw, a member of the Allred fundamentalist following, has gone to great lengths to provide quotes from scriptures, church history and other sources relating to about forty different doctrines and practices of Mormonism. Rather than a book to be read at leisure, it is a study guide designed to be used in conjunction with the LDS scriptures.

It is an excellent reference volume for anyone interested in the doctrines of Mormonism as promoted by the "fundamentalists." P. O. Box 608, Pinesdale, MT 59841.

BOOK NOTICES

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HEBER C. KIMBALL—Mormon Patriarch and Pioneer (Stanley B. Kimball). University of Illinois Press, \$17.95.

From the dust jacket:

From his conversion in 1832 until his death in 1868, Heber C. Kimball was Mormonism's most colorful leader and a major force in shaping, sustaining, and spreading the Mormon faith. Only Joseph Smith and Brigham Young wielded as much authority or had as much influence during the first four decades of the Mormon Church. For too many years, however, Kimball's reputation has languished under the guise of Smith's missionary, Young's alter ego, or sire of the church's largest family. But Kimball was a far greater personality than any of these designations indicates.

A powerful figure—both in physical and spiritual stature—Heber C. Kimball was nearly always at the cutting edge of the Mormon's turbulent and fascinating early history. In an age before plance and cars, and just after the advent of railroads, Kimball traveled thousands of miles to preach and protect his faith. He experienced all of the trials and tribulations of the early Mormon Church and was drive away from five different homes. A man of relentless drive and steadfast devotion, Kimball was fiercely independent as well as shrewd and compassionate.

This is the first comprehensive and objective biography of Kimball since 1888. Stanley B. Kimball, Heber's great-great grandson, shows us the man in all of his many dimensions—missionary, pioneer, preacher, politician, farmer, father, and husband. Of special interest is the author's thorough treatment of Heber's forty-three plural marriages, which are discussed in detail with objectivity, respect, and even admiration. The author's research and writing took nearly a full decade, led him to every important region connected with Kimball's life, and gained him complete access to all church, public, and private sources relating to Kimball.

CLAYTON'S SECRET WRITINGS UNCOVERED—Extracts from the Diaries of Joseph Smith's secretary William Clayton. Modern Microfilm Company, P. O. Box 1884, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110, softcover, \$3.00 plus postage.

Until recently the Nauvoo diaries of William Clayton have been unavailable to the public—being locked in the "First Presidency's Vault" in Salt Lake City, Utah. A BYU graduate student, Andrew Ehat, obtained permission to examine these diaries and made extensive notes. He gave a copy of these notes to BYU religion instructor, Lyndon Cook, who kept them in his campus office. A member of a BYU ward bishopric, who uses the office on Sundays, made unauthorized copies of these notes. A big fuss was the result, with investigations by BYU security, etc. LDS Church leaders are quite concerned over this, and those who have announced intentions to publish or have published copies of these notes have been threatened with legal action.

Jerald and Sandra Tanner, who have for many years published material relating to the LDS Church, obtained a copy of these notes and determined that the public should know what was being suppressed by LDS Church leaders. They discovered that the actual excerpts from Clayton's diaries could not be copyrighted. They took Ehat's typescript and have deleted his comments, etc., printed only the actual excerpts from the diaries. This volume is a very significant contribution to understanding the Nauvoo era of LDS History.

Interesting comments about plural marriage are useful. For example, Clayton remarks: "Wednesday 16...this A.M. J. [Joseph] told me that since E. [Emma]

came back fro St. Louis she had resisted the P. [priesthood?] in toto & he had to tell her he would relinquish all for her sake. She said she would [sic] given him E. & E. P. [Emily and Eliza Partridge] but he knew if he took them she would pitch on him & obtain a divorce & leave him. He however told me that he should not relinquish any thing. O God deliver thy servant from iniquity and bondage."

Other remarks about the many leaders vying for control of the church after the prophet's death give valuable insights.

This is a most interesting reference tool.

BEYOND THE END OF YOUR NOSE—A Stimulating Bible Study Guide (L. Douglas Waldorf) Mark 4:22 Press, P. O. Box 302, Elizabeth City, NC 27909, 400 pages, paperbound, \$8.95.

This newly published book presents the Mormon viewpoint on about 20 points of doctrine, all supported by biblical evidences. No Latter Day Scriptures are used. It is intended for convincing Christians of the truth of Mormonism.

The author states, "This analysis of Christ's true church has been prayerfully prepared as a simple guide for the honest seeker of God's holy will. The scripture references are all from the Holy Bible (we used the King James Version), and is intended to serve only as a personal study guide for those who want to understand what they read....It is not intended that this guide to the scriptures should contain every possible reference to every subject, or that it should convert you to some new doctrine. It is presented only to help you find for yourself what has been from the beginning the word of God."

Had I not read Waldorf's introductory letter, which is separate from the book, I would be greatly confused at his intent and conclusion. I did not note anywhere in the book where the author admits to his being a Mormon, or that all of these proofs were intended to show the truth of the Mormon church. Nevertheless, he has done a good job of pulling together some strictly biblical information.

MARTIN HARRIS LETTER REVEALED

As we are going to press, the announcement was made that once again, a valuable church history related document has been discovered. This time it is a letter written by Martin Harris on January 13, 1873 from Smithfield, Utah. By this time Harris had come to Utah and rejoined the LDS Church in full fellowship.

In the letter Harris reaffirms his witness to the divinity of the Book of Mormon. The collector who has possession of the letter said he had obtained it about nine months ago, but the LDS Church's announcement over the Conference weekend of changing the name of the Book of Mormon to include that it was another witness for Christ inspired him to reveal the letter.