

Notes and Comments

THE ASSOCIATION FOR MORMON LETTERS

The Association for Mormon Letters was organized on 4 October 1976 when a group of about ninety interested scholars, writers, and observers met at the Hotel Utah to hear papers and discussion of Mormon literature, to elect officers, and to adopt a constitution. This last provides for an annual meeting and points the association in the general direction of encouraging and recognizing good writing and informative scholarship as well as fostering a better appreciation for what has already been written by and about Mormons. This year's meeting will be held 8 October 1977 in Salt Lake City (place and time to be announced later). One session of the symposium will be open to general Mormon letters topics, and the other will deal with personal literature of the Latter-day Saints—letters, diaries, and reminiscences. Anyone who would like to join the association and be included on its mailing list should write to:

The Association for Mormon Letters
1346 South 1800 East
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

The membership fee is \$4.00 per year.

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THE ARTICLES OF FAITH

Much has been written of late relative to the origin, history, and importance of the Articles of Faith,¹ but one item, which is worthy of a note, has been left untreated: the changing of the wording of the fourth Article from how Joseph Smith had published it in 1842.

¹Of particular significance is an excellent treatise by Edward J. Brandt entitled "The Articles of Faith: Origin and Importance," *Proceedings: Pearl of Great Price Symposium* (Provo: College of Religious Instruction, 1975), pp. 69-77. See also James R. Clark, "Our Pearl of Great Price: From Mission Pamphlet to Standard Work," *Ensign* 6 (August 1976):12-17; and T. Edgar Lyon, "Doctrinal Development of the Church During the Nauvoo Sojourn: 1839-1846," *BYU Studies* 15 (Summer 1975):435-56.