



4. THE NIPPUR EXPEDITION

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Since 1945 five campaigns have been conducted at Nippur, religious center of ancient Mesopotamia. The three first were staffed and financed jointly with the University Museum of Philadelphia; the fourth and fifth, with the American Schools of Oriental Research. The clearance of most of the two great shrines flanking the temple tower, the quarters of the temple scribes, and a suburb will bring the work to a natural termination. Final reports on the work of the first three seasons, prepared by Donald E. McCown, are being published through the University Museum. The publication of the large yield of Sumerian literary texts will take many years to complete. Participating in the fifth campaign, in addition to the above, were Professor Albrecht Goetze (Yale University), Dr. Vaughn Crawford, and Donald Hansen.