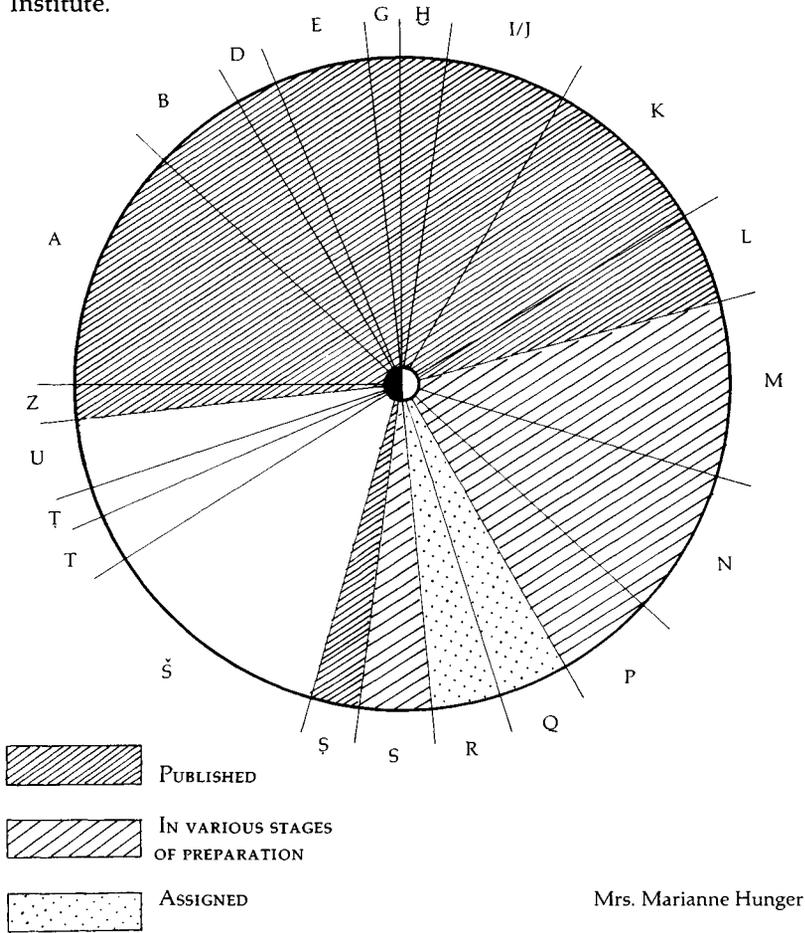


The Assyrian Dictionary Project

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This is the last time that I will be reporting on the progress of the Assyrian Dictionary Project to the friends and members of the Oriental Institute.



The diagram shown here will illustrate better than any words what has been achieved in almost twenty years of intensive work by a devoted staff, and what still has to be done.

Notwithstanding the magnitude of the task ahead, I am quite certain that the work on the dictionary will go on steadfastly to a successful conclusion. It has long been my conviction that the Project should rely on the unique combination of scholarly effort and intensive collaboration which enables a group of scholars of various ages and of different backgrounds and interests to strive for a common goal.

I would like to conclude this short report with an expression of my sincere thanks. With gratitude I must acknowledge the continuous support that has been given to the Project by the successive directors of the Oriental Institute since publication began, first by Carl Kraeling, then by Robert McCormick Adams and George Hughes, and currently by John A. Brinkman, a support that has encouraged our group to work uninterruptedly and to plan rationally for the future. Another great debt is owed by the Project, and by me personally, not only to the scholars who are presently dedicating their knowledge and energy to the dictionary and upon whose shoulders the responsibility for its continuation will now rest, but also to those scholars in this country and abroad who over these long years have given important help to the Assyrian Dictionary Project.