
Publications

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This year the staff of the publications department of the Oriental Institute numbers six, a significant expansion reflecting the fact that the Institute now publishes and markets its own books and monographs, although the University of Chicago Press will continue to handle all backlist publications. To meet the challenge of rising costs some of the Institute's publications are being set in typescript. The use of an electronic typewriter that will do composition with a justified right margin is being investigated. With efficient and up-to-date office equipment and an in-house staff perhaps appreciable economies can be realized.

In future years the department may find it possible to produce

as many as six volumes annually. During 1976/77 four volumes were published. We were happy to share in the publication of two *Festschrift* volumes: *Sumerological Studies in Honor of Thorkild Jacobsen* ("Assyriological Studies," No. 20) and *Studies in Honor of George R. Hughes* ("Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization," No. 39). The Jacobsen *Festschrift*, a survey of scholarly research in the field of Sumerology up to the present, analyzes approaches to Sumerology and considers the problems and techniques of future investigation. The Hughes *Festschrift*, a well-kept secret at the Institute until it was presented to Professor Hughes at a party January 12 to mark his seventieth birthday, is a collection of articles written by colleagues and former students of Dr. Hughes'.

Two other volumes published this year were John A. Brinkman's *Catalogue of Cuneiform Sources Pertaining to Specific Monarchs of the Kassite Dynasty* ("Materials and Studies for Kassite History," Vol. 1) and Janet H. Johnson's *The Demotic Verbal System* ("Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization," No. 38). The Brinkman volume is a first step toward organizing the large corpus of contemporary documentation pertaining to the Kassite dynasty of Babylonia (1595-1155 B.C.). The Johnson book is a study of the Demotic verbal system based largely on four ancient texts: two of the Ptolemaic period (Setne Khaemwast I and 'Onchsheshongy) and two of the Roman period (Mythus vom Sonnenaug and Demotic Magical Papyrus).

Other manuscripts in the works, in various stages of completion, are the following:

¶ *Nippur II: The North Temple and Sounding E: Excavations of the Joint Expedition to Nippur of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago* ("Oriental Institute Publications," Vol. XCVII) by Donald E. McCown, †Richard C. Haines, and Robert D. Biggs, the final report of the excavation of a temple in Nippur, Iraq during the third (November 1951-March 1952) and the fourth (November 1953-March 1954) seasons.

¶ *Excavations at Nippur: Twelfth Season* ("Oriental Institute Communications," No. 23) by McGuire Gibson et al., a report on excavating begun during the eleventh season in two areas on the West Mound.

¶ *Ancient Egyptian Coregencies* ("Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization," No. 40) by William J. Murnane, a discussion of the coregencies from the Middle Kingdom through the Roman period, both those firmly attested and those as yet only hypothetical.

¶ *The Temple of Khonsu I: Scenes of King Herihor in the Court with Translations of Texts* ("Oriental Institute Publications," Vol. C)

by the Epigraphic Survey (Edward F. Wente, Field Director), including 110 plates, some of them of particular importance to the understanding of the history of the period.

¶ *Chogha Mish: An Interim Report on the First Five Seasons of Excavations, 1961-71* ("Oriental Institute Publications," Vol. CI) by †Pinhas P. Delougaz and Helene J. Kantor, a report on an excellent sequence of prehistoric Susiana and Protoliterate materials that throw light on the relationship of the Protoliterate civilization to the cultures of the preceding periods.

¶ *Computer Analysis of Amorite* ("Assyriological Studies," No. 21) by Ignace J. Gelb et al., the first of two volumes on Amorite; the second volume will contain the grammar, a glossary, and general discussion.

¶ *Prehistoric Archeology along the Zagros Flanks* ("Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization," No. 36), by Patty Jo Watson et al., a report on materials excavated in the area.