

THE HITTITE DICTIONARY PROJECT

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1978 IS the final calendar year of our National Endowment for the Humanities grant, which has made possible the important first stage of work on the Hittite Dictionary. During the academic years 1975/76 and 1976/77 the major portion of our efforts was directed toward the completion of our lexical file. During 1977/78 we have sought to produce more manuscripts of articles. Much less time was spent in adding to the lexical file, although one new volume of texts was processed on dictionary cards.

Progress in writing articles has been steady. In last year's report we were able to report first drafts of 60 articles, or about one third of the total number of words beginning with the letter L. Most of these articles have now passed into second or final draft status. We enlisted the services of Professor Emmanuel Laroche of the Collège de France as an outside consultant. Professor Laroche now reads and comments upon most articles which have reached second draft status. About 25 articles are in final typescript form ready to go to the printer. A further 100 articles on L words are in first or second draft form. About 5 articles have been completed in first draft on M words. We had hoped to finish 200 articles in first draft by mid-1978, but time spent on correcting first and second drafts slowed work on production of new first drafts.

Our trips to Turkey and Europe in order to check readings on Hittite tablets of interest to the dictionary work produced very useful results.

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