

# The Assyrian Dictionary Project

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The sixtieth anniversary of the Oriental Institute is also the twenty-fifth anniversary of the start of publication of the Assyrian Dictionary after more than thirty years of data collecting.

Volume H, begun in 1954, went to press in 1955, and appeared in 1956. The coming year 1979/80 will see the sending off to press of Volume S. In the intervening twenty-five years, twelve volumes have appeared, and eleven volumes have been reprinted. The first printing has risen from an initial 750 to 1500 copies, reflecting the growing readership of the Dictionary.

While the CAD has suffered a retrenchment in recent years due to retirements and resignations, we are now beginning to augment our staff to the point needed for successful continuation and completion of our work. In the last three years, the number and composition of the staff have been enhanced by a succession of distinguished visitors. This was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which will be in effect through June 30, 1980, and which has enabled us to invite the following collaborators for part or all of this year: Professors Matthew Stolper of the University of Michigan and Hans Hirsch of the University of Vienna, who made substantial progress on Volume R; Professor Richard I. Caplice of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, here for eight months to finish S; Professor Klaas R. Veenhof of the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam, here for six months working on Š (the letter that will have the greatest number of entries); and Dr. Joan Goodnick Westenholz from Copenhagen, who has been with us for the year.

Maureen Gallery as Visiting Assistant Professor and Irving Finkel as Research Associate have continued their work not only on the CAD but also on its concomitant

project, Materials for the Sumerian Lexicon, respectively.

The processing of N galleys is complete. We are already receiving page proof, so we may expect the appearance of the finished, possibly two-volume set some time during 1980. Q was sent to the printer in January 1979. Work on Volumes P and R is in progress. It is expected that one of these will be ready for press during the coming year.

With the recent delivery of the reprint of K, along with reprints of L and H, all volumes of the CAD are now in their second or even third printings. Reprints of A/1, B, G, and Z are in production. The reprintings have afforded the opportunity of assigning a Library of Congress Catalog card number and International Standard Book Numbers to the Dictionary. It now conforms to the standard practice for all books published in the United States; this facilitates processing by booksellers and by libraries' acquisition departments.