

Research Archive

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Since the beginning of this fiscal year, the Archive has acquired the private library of Mr. John Hadley through his most generous gift. His older volumes enabled us to substantially add to our holdings in areas where volumes are out of print and/or hard to buy. We also acquired full rights to the William F. Edgerton library through his bequest and are presently going through this primarily Egyptological collection accessioning what is needed in Chicago. The bulk of it then will likely go to Chicago House in Luxor. This has helped us to add 457 books and monographs to the archives this year.

In addition, we have added 490 journal volumes, including such new journals as *Historical Metallurgy Society Journal*, *Hokhma*, *Karthage*, *Anthropological Literature*, *Bibbia e Oriente*, and many more. A number of journals also are being received on an exchange basis through the good offices of Prof. Biggs,

in his capacity as editor of the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*. These journals include *Prace Archeologiczne* (Poland), *Drevni Vostok* (from Moscow and Erevan via Poland), *Recherches Archéologiques* (Cracow), *Arab Gulf Studies*, *Dilmun* (Bahrain Historical Society), *the Society for Libyan Studies Annual* (London), and several exchanges still being arranged. Because of a generous donation by Mr. Haas, we were able to purchase the back issues of *Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins* and *Zeitschrift der Deutsche Morganland Gesellschaft*. His gift has also helped to make possible the installation of a magnetic security system.

The Archive has also acquired more than a thousand Near Eastern maps from the Museum Office. These have been filed, indexed and cross-referenced. Additional maps will be transferred to our permanent collections when arrangements have been made to store them properly.

Our serial holdings increased by 138 volumes, with several volumes of a new series (for us) *Memoirs of the Archaeological Survey of India* from Mr. Hadley's library. These are very rarely to be found in the used book market. We are also lucky in being able to purchase the first six volumes of the *Catalogue of Cuneiform Tablets in the Kouyunjik Collection of the British Museum* from a dealer. A new Egyptological series received in December is *Aegyptiaca Treverensia*.

As one might expect from these extensive acquisitions,

the Archive is rapidly outgrowing the space available for it. In two years' time, space will be a critical problem.

Thanks must go to Professors Biggs, Adams, Brinkman, Baer, Kantor, Gibson, Nims and Stager; and Mrs. Swift and Mr. Haas and to Mr. Carswell and the Museum Staff, for help and donations through the year.

Staff for the past year included Nina Bruhns, David Baird and Steve Boozer. David Testen, who worked a few years ago, will be here this summer while I have a baby and recoup.