

Egypt under the Ptolemies, the successors of Alexander the Great who ruled Egypt until it was incorporated into the Roman Empire, has been the focus of most of JANET H. JOHNSON'S personal research during the past year. Using a text called the "Demotic Chronicle" as a foundation, she studied both the Ptolemaic theory of kingship and relations between the Egyptians and the large number of Greeks who moved to Egypt at this time; her study of the economic role of the Egyptian priesthood during this period (these priests were among the wealthiest Egyptian members of Ptolemaic society) was based largely on a sampling of legal and economic documents. She also presented a paper on Ptolemaic bureaucracy for the symposium on bureaucracy organized by McGuire Gibson. In addition, she spent a month in Egypt in December and January participating in the Quseir regional survey (see separate report), returned in March for a thoroughly enjoyable tour and a short trip to Sinai, and has continued to act as principal investigator for the Demotic Dictionary Project (see separate report).