

WILLIAM MURNANE had two seasons during the eight months he spent in Egypt during 1983/84, following his customary work for the Epigraphic Survey in Luxor with a six-week season at El-Amarna (see separate report). During this period he also completed *The Road to Kadesh*, a study of Egypt's adjustment to the replacing of Mitanni by the Hittite Empire in the late fourteenth and the early thirteenth centuries B.C., to be published by the Oriental Institute in its SAOC series. The Epigraphic Survey's publication of *The Battle Reliefs of King Sety I* (= *Reliefs and Inscriptions at Karnak IV*), for which Murnane wrote the text volume, is currently in press. Murnane also finished an article, "False Doors and Religious Ritual inside Luxor Temple", which will be published in the *Festschrift Gamal Mokhtar* by the French Institute in Cairo. His popular guidebook, *The Penguin Guide to Ancient Egypt*, appeared in the summer of 1983.