

ROBERT M. This year Robert M. Whiting has seen the appearance of an
WHITING article "Six Snake Omens in New Babylonian Script," *Journal
of Cuneiform Studies* 36 (1984), 206–10, which publishes
a cuneiform text acquired by the Oriental Institute in 1930

that records several previously unattested omens from the lengthy omen series *Šumma Ālu*.

Completed this year was an article "An Old Babylonian Incantation from Tell Asmar," which publishes a text excavated by the Oriental Institute's expedition to the Diyala region in 1930. This text is the only piece of "literature" found at Tell Asmar (ancient Eshnunna). Also included in the article are editions of two parallel Old Babylonian incantations. Another article, "The Reading of the Divine Name ⁴*Nin-MAR.KI*," hopes to alleviate some of the confusion surrounding the interpretation of the name of this deity. Both articles will appear in *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*.

His public lecture on the Old Babylonian palace at Tell Asmar also spurred the completion of an article "Four Seal Impressions from Tell Asmar," which publishes several seal impressions of early Old Babylonian rulers foreign to Eshnunna, one of whom is otherwise completely unknown. This article will appear in *Archiv für Orientforschung*.

Finally, Dennis Pardee and Whiting have prepared a lengthy article "Aspects of Epistolary Verbal Usage in Ugaritic and Akkadian," which will be published in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*.