

Chicago Assyrian Dictionary

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In 1986 the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary celebrated the 30th anniversary of the publication of the first volume, *H*, which appeared in 1956. During the last ten years of this period, the project has had the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This year progress was made on several volumes simultaneously. Both parts of the enormous *Š* Volume, the largest by hundreds of pages, are approaching completion. *Š* Part I has entered the page proof stage; Part II has been partly checked and is now in the final stages of editing and checking prior to being sent to the printer. Moreover, one-fourth of the next letter, *T*, is now in manuscript.

Several visiting scholars helped in the preparation of the Dictionary. In the summer of 1985, Professor Burkhard Kienast of the University of Freiburg wrote drafts for *T*, concentrating on a number of

difficult terms referring to the economic and legal systems, such as *tamkāru* "merchant," *tamû* "to take an oath," and *terhatu* "bride price." Professor Hermann Hunger of the University of Vienna also worked on *T* and Professor Dietz Otto Edzard of the University of Munich helped finish the writing of *P*. Dr. Frans Wiggermann of the University of Amsterdam, a new collaborator, arrived in February for a nine month stay and contributed articles for *T*.

The Dictionary received in 1984 a large collection of reprints of articles on Assyriology from the estate of Professor A. Sachs of Brown University. A research assistant has now finished unpacking, sorting, and cataloguing the over ten thousand reprints, which constitute an invaluable reference library for the Dictionary and include material in journals difficult to locate or out of print.