As was stated last year, two new books had been sent to press, but were not published by the time the 1984–1985 Annual Report appeared. We are happy to report now that these long-awaited volumes, OIP 107, Reliefs and Inscriptions at Karnak IV: The Battle Reliefs of King Sety I, by The Epigraphic Survey, and AS 23, Kanissuwar—A Tribute to Hans G. Güterbock on His Seventy-Fifth Birthday, May 27, 1983, edited by H. A. Hoffner, Jr., and G. M. Beckman, are now available.

Two of the books accepted for publication and edited last year are now in press and will be published before the end of 1986. They are: Rudolph H. Dornemann's A Neolithic Village at Tell El Koum in the Syrian Desert (SAOC 43) and Bruce B. Williams' The A-Group Royal Cemetery at Qustul: Cemetery L (OINE III). The remaining books also accepted for publication are in various stages of production. The art work for six of the volumes, containing nearly 1000 line and photographic illustrations, was sent to the University of Chicago Printing Department. A large proportion of the negatives for this art work has already been returned to us for opaquing and examination. The manuscripts for these six volumes, listed below, are also in various stages of production:

1. Ignace J. Gelb, Piotr Steinkeller and Robert M. Whiting, The Earliest Land Tenure Systems in...
the Middle East: Ancient Kudur-rus (OIP 104)


3. Robert M. Whiting, Old Babylonian Letters from Tell Asmar (AS 22)

4. Elizabeth C. Stone, Nippur Neighborhoods (SAOC 44)


Unfortunately, the seventh book which should be listed above, The American Expedition to Idalion, Cyprus: Second Preliminary Report (OIC 24), will not appear until late 1987 due to a very late submission by a contributor of one of the main chapters in the volume.

The most recent volumes received for publication are as follows:

1. Janet H. Johnson’s An Introductory Grammar of Demotic (SAOC 45) which is nearly ready to be sent to press and will appear during 1986.

2. Thorkild Jacobsen’s Excavations at Ishchali, 1934–1936 (OIP 109)

3. Bruce B. Williams, Excavations Between Abu Simbel and the Sudan Frontier:
   a. OINE, vol. VII — Twenty-Fifth Dynasty and Napatan Remains from Qustul Cemeteries W and V
   b. OINE, vol. VIII — Meroitic Remains: Cemeteries Q at Qustul and B at Ballana
   c. OINE, vol. IX — Nubadian X-Group Royal Funerary Complexes and Private Cemeteries at Qustul and Ballana


The Publications Sales office had another busy year as is reflected in the numbers of volumes sold from each of the Oriental Institute series and miscellaneous publications listed opposite:
Kerry Bedford returned from Australia and resumed the administrative duties connected with book sales and John Palmer continued in the part-time job of book distribution. Mr. Palmer was also employed as an editorial and production assistant to the Publications Coordinator. We also relied heavily upon the following part-time production workers: David Baird, Lorelei Corcoran, Helen Dates, Carlene Friedman, Peggy Grant, Paul Hoffman, Lisa Jacobson, Rainer Mack, Margot Whiting, and Sally Zimmerman.