Edward F. Wente attended the meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature held at Atlanta in December, 1986, participating in discussions relating to the translation project, “Writings from the Ancient World.” He was selected to serve as a member of the editorial board in connection with translations of Egyptian sources. For the initial phase of this translation project, it is planned to issue several volumes concentrating on letters from various areas of the ancient Near East, and Wente has agreed to prepare the one on ancient Egyptian letters since this is a subject upon which his research has focused in recent years. This work will include translations of royal and private correspondences that have been preserved mainly on papyri and ostraca from the Old Kingdom to the Twenty-first Dynasty.