

# PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

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The Publications Office is happy to report upon many exciting and productive activities during the fiscal year 1990–1991. The first big event was the moving of the editorial office from a single room, 233, into two adjoining rooms, 229 and 231, further north along the main, north-south, administrative corridor on the second floor of the Oriental Institute building. This move provided an increase in floor area that was much needed for new computer equipment and work space in room 229, which is now the production office, and also allowed the Publications Coordinator to have an adjoining office, room 231, which now houses all of the publications administrative files as well as a nearly complete set of all Oriental Institute publications produced during the preceding 84 years. The second major improvement occurred in our staff situation when we employed a fourth full-time employee for the sales office, a position that was created, but not filled, and reported upon in last year's annual report. We welcome Louis Christian Anthes IV into the position of sales manager as of September 1990. Mr. Anthes' employment has given Tom Urban, our Senior Editorial Assistant, and Rick Schoen, our Editorial Production Assistant, time to concentrate on the business of full-time production of our academic publications. During the ten months of his employment, Louis has transformed all of the rather tedious and cumbersome sales records into an efficient computer-based system of billing and inventory using the Double Helix data-based computer program. The third major event in our in-house printing of camera-ready copy for going to press was the acquisition of laser-print fonts that allow us to print all of the ancient Near Eastern languages in transliteration and to reproduce more than 800 Egyptian hieroglyphs on our LaserWriter IINTX printer. We again appreciate the help we have received from Lloyd Anderson of Ecological Linguistics and are also grateful to Cleo Huggins and Dexter Sear for providing us with the new Egyptian laser font. The first volume to feature the laser-printed Egyptian hieroglyphs is A. M. Roth's *Egyptian Phyles in the Old Kingdom: The Evolution of a System of Social Organization* (SAOC 48).

Concerning the present status of the eight "new volumes" listed in the previous annual report, it gives us much pleasure to announce that six of those titles were printed—AS 24, SAOC 42 and 50, OINE VIII, and OIP 109 and 110 (two of which are in two volumes, text and plates, OIP 110 and OINE VIII)—and two titles, SAOC 48 and OINE IX, were sent to press. Apart from these publications nine other volumes were printed, were sent to press, or were in preparation, as is listed below:

1. *The Hittite State Cult of the Tutelary Deities*. AS 25. Gregory McMahon (in press)
2. *The Edwin Smith Surgical Papyrus, Vol. I: Hieroglyphic Transliteration, Translation, and Commentary*. OIP 3. J. H. Breasted. Final Reissue of the original 1930 1st edition in a limited edition of 300 copies with new binding

- and dust jacket (in press)
3. *The Edwin Smith Surgical Papyrus, Vol. II: Facsimile Plates and Line for Line Hieroglyphic Transliteration*. OIP 4. J. H. Breasted. Final Reissue of the original 1930 1st edition in a limited edition of 300 copies with new binding and dust jacket (in press)
  4. *Earliest Land Tenure Systems in the Near East: Ancient Kudurrus*. OIP 104. I. J. Gelb, P. Steinkeller, and R. M. Whiting, Jr. (Text volume, printed)
  5. *The Organization of Power: Aspects of Bureaucracy in the Ancient Near East*. SAOC 46. McG. Gibson and R. D. Biggs, eds. Second Edition with Corrections (printed)
  6. Chicago Assyrian Dictionary, Vol. 10, M, pt. 1 (reprinted, USA)
  7. Chicago Assyrian Dictionary, Vol. 10, M, pt. 2 (reprinted, USA)
  8. Chicago Assyrian Dictionary, Vol. 16, S (reprinted, USA)
  9. *Life in a Multi-Cultural Society: Egypt from Cambyses to Constantine and Beyond*. SAOC 51. J. H. Johnson, ed. (in preparation)

The following manuscripts were accepted for publication:

1. *A Late Period Hieratic Wisdom Text [P. Brooklyn 47.218.135]*. SAOC 52. Richard Jasnow
2. *Excavations Between Abu Simbel and the Sudan Frontier, Part 6: New Kingdom Remains from Cemeteries R, V, K, S, and W at Qustul and Adindan*. OINE VI. Bruce B. Williams
3. *Excavations at Serra East, Parts 1–5: A-Group, C-Group, Pan Grave, New Kingdom, and X-Group Remains from Cemeteries A–G and Rock Shelters*. OINE X. Bruce B. Williams

## TABLE OF SALES

<i>Series</i>	<i>Number of Volumes Sold</i>
Assyriological Studies .....	79
Chicago Assyrian Dictionary .....	771
Chicago Hittite Dictionary .....	388
Materials and Studies for Kassite History .....	8
Oriental Institute Communications .....	63
Oriental Institute Nubian Expedition .....	54
Oriental Institute Publications .....	366
Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization .....	680
Miscellaneous Volumes <sup>1</sup> .....	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2415</b>

<sup>1</sup>Volumes published jointly with other institutions:

*Prehistoric Research in Southeastern Anatolia* 1. H. Çambel and R. J. Braidwood et al.

*Quseir Al-Qadim 1978: Preliminary Report*. Donald S. Whitcomb

and Janet H. Johnson.

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*Uch Tepe I: Tell Razuk, Tell Ahmed Al-Mughir, Tell Ajamat*. McG. Gibson, ed.

*Uch Tepe II: Technical Reports*. McG. Gibson, ed.

With regard to the sales of our publications, a comparison of the *Table of Sales* above with the table in the 1989–1990 *Annual Report* reveals nearly a 100% increase in the numbers of volumes sold during the fiscal year. This is primarily attributable to a substantial increase over last year in the number of manuscripts edited and published, which in large part was due to our obtaining better computer equipment, the addition of a computer and editorial assistant (Rick Schoen) and a sales manager (Louis Anthes) to our staff, and last, but not least, to the unflinching support and dedication of our senior editorial assistant, Tom Urban, who was instrumental in upgrading our programs for full in-house preparation of ancient Near Eastern manuscripts.

The dramatic increase in sales of the Assyrian and Hittite dictionaries is primarily due to the publication of the new volumes—CAD 17, Š, part 1, and CHD, vol. L–N, fascicle 4—and to the reprinting in Germany of CAD volume 1 (A), part 2, volume 3 (D), and volume 7 (I/J) as well as the completed hardbound edition of the CHD volume L–N. Of the twelve Oriental Institute Publications (OIP) volumes now distributed by us, their increase in sales is a result of recent publications such as Thorkild Jacobsen's *Old Babylonian Buildings in the Diyala Region* (OIP 98, 105 vols. sold) and *Town and Country in Southeastern Anatolia* (Wilkinson, OIP 109, 69 vols. sold, and Algaze, OIP 110, 69 vols. sold). The largest number of volumes sold in the series *Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization* (SAOC) were W. J. Murnane's *The Road to Kadesh*, Second Edition Revised (SAOC 42, 96 vols. sold), M. O. Wise's *A Critical Study of the Temple Scroll from Qumran Cave 11* (SAOC 49, 142 vols. sold), and D. L. Esse's *Subsistence, Trade, and Social Change in Early Bronze Age Palestine* (SAOC 50, 144 vols. sold). Congratulations are due to all of our authors and editors for their contributions to scholarship in the Oriental Institute Press publications.

In conclusion, we wish to thank our director, Bill Sumner, for all the support he has given to the publications office during his tenure here. Also, we are most appreciative of the help we have received from numerous colleagues on the faculty and staff of the Oriental Institute and the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. The present year's success would not have been possible without the cooperation and much hard work of Tom Urban, Rick Schoen, and Louis Anthes.