

INSTRUCTION AND INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

Staff members of the Oriental Institute serve the University of Chicago also as teachers in the education of the scholars of the future. The educational work of the Institute staff is administered chiefly through the Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures, under its own chairman, as a part of the Division of the Humanities. A full list of the instructors and of the courses offered appears in the *Announcements* published by the University at regular intervals. Copies of these can be obtained by writing to the Admissions Counselor, Box X, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois.

Instruction and research alike require adequate library and reading room facilities. These are maintained as an integral part of the University's library system in the Institute building and are under the supervision of Miss Johanne Vindenas, Institute Librarian. The Institute library, comprising some 30,000 volumes, contains the largest part of the University's holdings in the Near Eastern field and is among the best in the country in Assyriology, Egyptology, and oriental archaeology.

From the beginning the Oriental Institute has encouraged the members of its staff to undertake also research of their own choosing, to enrich the variety of its contribution to knowledge. This reflects itself in a steady stream of monographs, articles in learned periodicals, and book reviews published by them at home and abroad. Naturally it is impossible to describe fully this aspect of the work being done at the Institute, but the following major enterprises of its scholars may be listed by way of illustration:

- N. ABBOTT, publication of the Arabic papyri in the Oriental Institute collection.
- R. BOWMAN, decipherment and interpretation of Aramaic records, including an Aramaic text written in Demotic characters.
- W. F. EDGERTON, compilation of a Demotic dictionary from the original sources, using also materials prepared by the late W. Spiegelberg.
- G. VON GRUNEBaum, studies in the sociology and culture consciousness of the Islamic peoples.
- H. GÜTERBOCK, contributions to a Hittite dictionary in preparation at Yale University, and studies in Hittite art and mythology.
- H. KANTOR, a study of plant ornament in ancient oriental art.
- C. H. KRAELING, preparation of the final report on the painted synagogue of Dura-Europos for Yale University.
- B. LANDSBERGER, edition of a series of Sumero-Akkadian lexical texts from cuneiform tablets in European and American collections.
- R. MARCUS, preparation of the Greek text and an English translation of the works of Josephus for the Loeb Classical Library, as well as a Greek lexicon of the author.
- A. L. OPPENHEIM, edition of an Assyrian dream book, with commentary on the interpretation of dreams in ancient literature.

