

ROYAL RECORDS OF RAMSES III

During 1955-56 the Epigraphic Expedition to Egypt continued to pursue its task of recording the inscriptions and reliefs of Ramses III in his mortuary temple, Medinet Habu, at Luxor. Draftsmen Champion and Floroff accounted for thirty large facsimile drawings of reliefs in the Osiris Suite and in the rooms adjacent to the Hypostyle Hall. Dr. Nims photographed the running inscriptions on the architraves of the Second Court, a high-ladder enterprise.

Through Dr. Nims the Epigraphic Expedition also participated in recording the monuments of Nubia that will be inundated when the new high Assuan Dam is built. He spent six weeks photographing the temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel. The work is sponsored by UNESCO.

The expedition brought back to Chicago in 1955 the materials for the fifth large folio volume of Medinet Habu inscriptions and reliefs. This awaits publication. Meanwhile we are well on our way to the completion of Volume VI. Our goal is to complete the work on the Medinet Habu temple by 1961. Two additional draftsmen have been engaged to assist the epigraphers in this task.

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