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ONCE MORE IT IS A PLEASURE to greet the members and friends of the Oriental Institute and to give them a few glimpses into the work it has been doing increasingly with their help and their support.

In many respects the year 1956-57 was of crucial importance for those concerned with the Near East, partly because of the complications developing on the political scene and partly because of the growing interest in the monuments and the study of the ancient past. Needless to say, we have been deeply concerned in and affected by these developments. Happily, our position both at home and abroad has been strengthened by the competence of our staff members and by the assistance we have received from many hands.

1956-57 marked the first year in which an arrangement worked out with the Chancellor of the University of Chicago made it possible for us to draw our support proportionately from endowment income, contributions from University funds, a special gift from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and a matching contribution from our Membership Income Fund. Indeed, the interest and support shown by our Chicago members and friends played no small part in making available to us the gift of Mr. Rockefeller. The membership, therefore, now shares significantly in all we do.

With the use of these funds, we have become increasingly active in different types of enterprises and in new areas in the field. We have been

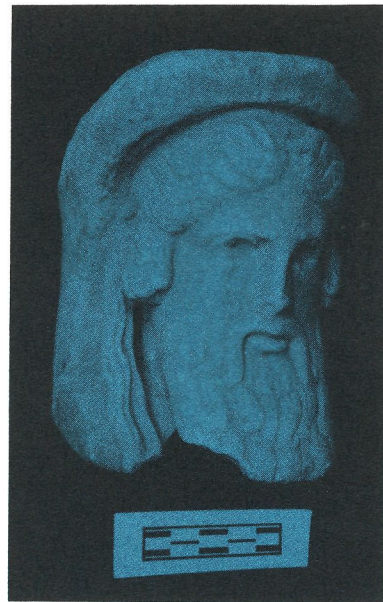
able to recruit a small number of new staff members in the junior brackets. We have entered upon an arrangement with the University Press that facilitates and hastens the publication of our books. Ways and means have been found for the exchange of visits between our staff members and the scholars of other institutions at home and abroad. We have developed educational contacts between our Museum and the schools of the Greater Chicago area. We have enriched the holdings of our Museum.

The tempo of our activity has been stepped up, and we can already foresee a still faster tempo in the coming year.

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