

The Assyrian Dictionary Project

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This is the first report I address to you since taking charge of the Assyrian Dictionary Project after the retirement of Professor A. Leo Oppenheim. I am happy to report, however, that Mr. Oppenheim has continued to be associated with the Project in spite of his retirement, on a consulting basis. For two months in the fall quarter, and for another two months in the spring quarter, he has rejoined us at the Oriental Institute and has continued to help with the preparation of

dictionary articles; moreover, in his new home in California he has continued to read the final manuscript of the Dictionary. We hope that this association, which greatly benefits the Project, can be continued for many years to come.

During the academic year 1973/74, our staff was fortunate to be joined by Marten Stol of the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, as a James Henry Breasted Research Associate. Mr. Stol, who has specialized in Old Babylonian texts, has been a very valuable contributor to Volumes M and N. Besides Mr. Stol, this year has also marked the return of Professor Burkhard Kienast of the University of Freiburg, Germany, who has undertaken to prepare Volume Q during several brief visits to Chicago. He spent the three summer months of 1973 and another six weeks in February and March of 1974 on this project.

With regard to publication, Volume M, the tenth, has been finished and sent off to the publisher. Since this volume is larger than any single volume published so far, it will take a couple of years before it is off the press. Currently, the editors are working on N, the next volume to go to press. As you can see from the diagram published in last year's annual report, the gap between the goal and the achievements so far narrows, but the *CAD* Project will need the continued support of scholars in Chicago and abroad, and of the Oriental Institute.