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GEORGE R. HUGHES has continued to work on the early demotic Egyptian papyri from Hawara in the Fayum which belong to the Oriental Institute. He also contemplates preparing for publication the epigraphic notes which he made in 1951 when Prof. Charles F. Nims and he collated the drawings of the Bubastite Portal at Karnak (*Reliefs and Inscriptions at Karnak III: The Bubastite Portal*, 1954). These notes concern the huge triumphal relief of Pharaoh Shishak on the south face of the Portal. The long geographical list of places on Shishak's campaign that reached Jerusalem in the fifth year of King Rehoboam has gained credibility in recent years and prompts an occasional article by someone or other, but the geographical names

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are frequently read, despite our published facsimile, in ways that our close scrutiny shows to be impossible. The publication of the little Coptic "prayer book" found by the Oriental Institute excavations of Qasr el-Wizz in Egyptian Nubia in 1965 (1965–66 annual report, pp. 10–13) still awaits someone. With less gusto does Hughes look forward to editing the Old Nubian book found in the Oriental Institute's excavation of Serra East in the Sudan in 1963–64 (*ibid.*, p. 12). Old Nubian is barely readable and by only a very few people. Hughes completed his three-year term as a member of the Smithsonian Foreign Currency Advisory Council in 1979, but was then asked to serve on the Fellowship Committee of the American Research Center in Egypt.