

IN THE YEAR 1956-57 Oriental Institute membership has again grown, as the accompanying list of names indicates. Income from dues and gifts has more than kept pace, thanks to the generosity of our Members.

Lectures were held each month during the academic year, presenting the most recent discoveries in the Near Eastern field, with the usual reception following the opening lecture of the season. The lectures were consistently well attended. Of the always-popular *Newsletter*, twelve were circulated during the year in spite of a black-out in communications with the Near East during the fall of 1956.

Members received during the year the excellent reproductions of some of our Egyptian Tomb Paintings printed in Germany as well as reprints of an article dealing with the Achaemenean Gold Treasure in our Museum.

Special gifts by Members added to our photographic equipment and made possible enterprises and activities not provided for by the Institute budget; regular Membership Income was devoted to similar purposes with the approval of the Institute's Visiting Committee. The Visiting Committee, appointed by the University's Board of Trustees, consisted this past year of the following:

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