

*THE EPIGRAPHIC SURVEY*

The accomplishments of this expedition can be told briefly although it experienced one of its busiest and most productive seasons in 1961/62 and reached two much sought after goals.

First, the recording of the Beit el-Wali temple of Ramses II in Lower Nubia was finished, and the facsimile drawings of the reliefs, the photographs and the translation of the texts are now ready for publication. This task, a part of the Assuan High Dam emergency program in Nubia, was begun in the 1960/61 season.

Second, the last drawings and photographs of the reliefs of the Medinet Habu mortuary temple of Ramses III at Luxor were also finished this season. Thus the epigraphic record of this great temple, begun in 1924 although not pursued exclusively or uninterruptedly since, is now complete and with it the seventh volume of the Medinet Habu epigraphic series. This last volume required the additional preparation of master plans and other helps for the users of the whole series. Both the Beit el-Wali volume and the Medinet Habu volume are expected to be ready for the press in the autumn of 1962.

The Egyptologists (Drs. Nims and Wente) and the draftsmen (Messrs. Floroff, Coleman, Greener and Barnwell) of the expedition also made considerable progress in recording the reliefs of the High Gate to the Medinet Habu compound, and the drawing of reliefs in the Eighteenth Dynasty tomb of the nobleman Kheruef in the Theban Necropolis was begun. This fine tomb was excavated jointly by the Institute and the Egyptian Department of Antiquities in 1957-60, and photographs and plans have already been prepared.

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