

The Epigraphic Survey

During the seasons of 1962/63 and 1963/64 the expedition concentrated on the High Gate at Medinet Habu and the tomb chapel of the Steward of Queen Tiy, Kheruef. The recording of these monuments is well advanced. Messrs. Coleman and Greener are patiently drawing, from the walls of the chapel, the exquisite and extremely detailed reliefs, which are often much damaged by wilful destruction and by the action of the salts in the rock. Of the many fragments of relief fallen from the walls and found in the debris, the position of most has been determined by careful search and fitting.

Messrs. Barnwell and Floroff have given their attention to the High Gate. After fifteen years of loyal co-operation Mr. Floroff has retired. His work constitutes a great bulk of the drawings in *Medinet Habu* Volume VII, which will appear at the end of the year.

The previous volume, *Medinet Habu* VI, appeared at the end of 1963. Technical and other problems have made it impossible to schedule, as yet, the publication of the records from the temple of Beit el-Wali in Nubia.

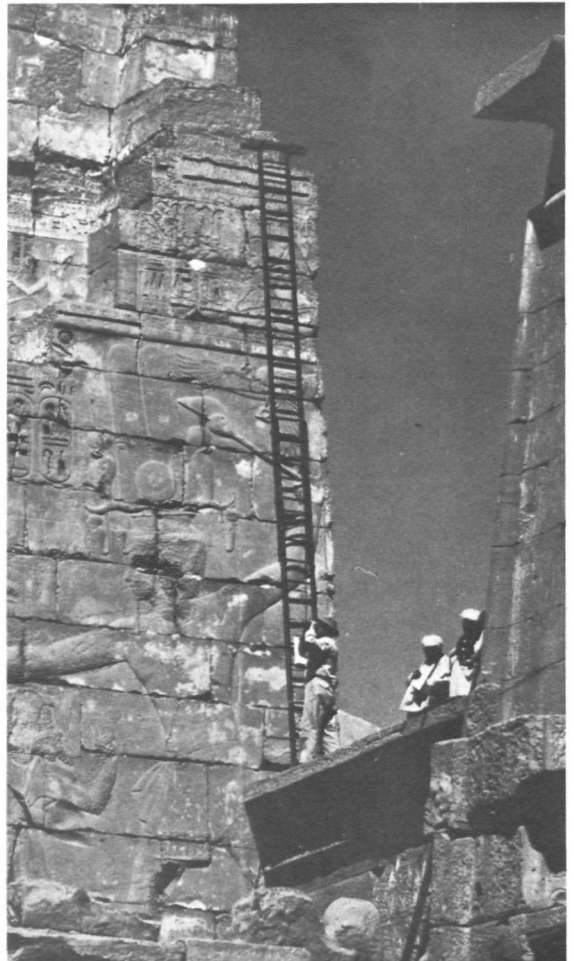
During the 1963/64 season Dr. Wente was teaching in Chicago, but he will return to Luxor in the autumn. Dr. Hughes, after fifteen years of leadership as Field Director, relinquished his post at the end of 1963, remaining in Luxor for the rest of the season to counsel his successor. Henceforth he will be teaching Egyptology at the Oriental Institute. Mr. Lesko, a graduate student, has been appointed as an Egyptologist for the coming season.

The grant of United States government funds for the expenses of the fieldwork for the past season has made it possible to replace certain antiquated equipment, notably a 1934 Chevrolet station wagon used as a personnel carrier and the 1932 110-volt d.c. generator and electrical system. In the 1964/65 season

Mr. Healey, our engineer, will install a 230-volt a.c. generator and adapt the electrical system to this current.

With the quickening pace of tourism in Egypt, many more friends and members of the Oriental Institute have stopped at Chicago House to pay their respects and to learn at firsthand the intricacies of the work. The staff is always delighted to welcome its friends.

CHARLES F. NIMS
Field Director



Dr. Hughes on ladder at High Gate at Medinet Habu.