

Materials for the Sumerian Lexicon

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This year will see the completion of the fourteenth of eighteen planned volumes of the *MSL* series. It will go to the printer at the end of the summer. The volume includes a revised edition of Proto-Ea as well as the complete group of Ea syllabaries and all related texts. It is the most important volume of the series, since it is thanks to this type of syllabary that modern scholars can read the Sumerian tablets. We have been able to discover new materials, the most interesting being several philological commentaries from the fifth to fourth centuries B.C. which show how these syllabaries were used and interpreted by the

native scholars. The preparation of this manuscript has absorbed most of the energies and efforts of our Sumerologists during the year. The eleventh volume, delayed by many circumstances, is in the final stages of printing. It contains the end of the encyclopedic glossary 𒄩AR-ra = *hubullu*, with the sections devoted to toponyms and food and drink.