

## THE CHESTER D. TRIPP ENDOWMENT FUND

Under the terms of the will of Mr. Tripp, who died in December 1974, an endowment fund was established to support various programs of the Oriental Institute. The income from the fund enabled the Institute to carry out the following projects during the year:

- (a) the purchase and installation of new movie- and slide-projection equipment in Breasted Hall (the forty-year-old screens and projectors have been replaced with up-to-date models that will considerably enhance the visual quality of our illustrated lectures);
- (b) the purchase of office equipment for the new Hittite Dictionary project: a typewriter with a special keyboard, and filing cabinets to hold the indispensable dictionary cards;
- (c) repair of stone window frames in the museum;
- (d) partial matching support for a grant received from the National Endowment for the Arts to install a climate-controlled conservation chamber in the Institute basement for the storage of ancient metals;
- (e) the printing of field negatives from the twelfth and thirteenth seasons of excavation at Nippur (1974-76): almost five thousand prints.

The Institute is very grateful for Mr. Tripp's kind bequest, which has made all these programs possible.