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William Murnane returned to El Amarna at the end of the Epigraphic Survey's 1984–85 season. Working under the auspices of the American Research Center in Egypt, and funded by a grant from the National Geographic Society, he and Charles C. Van Siclen III completed the field work required for their projected new edition of the boundary stelae of Akhenaten. Among the publications which will have appeared by the time this report goes to press are *The Battle Reliefs of King Sety I (Reliefs and Inscriptions at Karnak IV)*, for which Murnane wrote the text volume; *The Road to Kadesh*, a historical commentary on Sety's battle reliefs with special reference to the confrontation between the Egyptian and Hittite Empires; and "False Doors and Religious Ritual inside Luxor Temple" for *Mélanges Gamal Moukhtar*. In April of 1985 Murnane received a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies, permitting him to attend the meeting of the International Congress of Egyptologists held at the end of August. The papers he delivered at this meeting, on the Amarna Boundary Stela Project and on aspects of the Opet Feast inside Luxor Temple, also provided the subjects of lectures delivered in 1984 and 1985, and of a number of short articles written last winter, to be published in the French magazine *Histoire et archéologie*. Also during the winter, at Chicago House, he wrote an essay on the intellectual achievements of James Henry Breasted, which was requested for a volume of the *Dictionary of Literary Biography* devoted to Twentieth Century American historians.