



Assyrian Dictionary Project

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The Assyrian Dictionary Project is happy to report another productive year. The momentum attained during the past few years under NEH support was sustained, making possible the appearance of one volume, the near completion of a second, and the preparation of manuscript for a third.

The high point of the year was the distribution of volume Q, the first volume produced by photocomposition instead of the old, expensive letterpress method. We are pleased that the time spent in correcting certain technical variations has resulted in the physical appearance of volume Q closely matching the quality of earlier volumes.

With technical production under control, rapid progress could be made on volume S. It has now been seen completely through galley-proof stage and is, at this writing, more than 85 percent in page proofs. We expect the printing and binding of this volume to begin before the end of the year.

The manuscript for the multi-volume \check{S} has become so voluminous, with 70 percent now written, that a three-part publication is now envisaged. The writing of manuscript was interrupted mid-year in order to check the references for the projected first part: *ša-šap*. Final editing and mark-up of this first part are nearly complete and it will shortly be ready for press.

The steady progress of the past year was due in large part to the contributions of several colleagues from abroad. Dr. Joan Westenholz joined our regular research staff from Copenhagen last June for the entire year. Professor Johannes Renger, Professor of Assyriology at the University of Berlin, returned to the project for two months, and Professor Joachim Oelsner, Senior Lecturer in Assyriology and Curator of the Hilprecht Collection at the University of Jena, recently arrived from the German Democratic Republic for a six-month stay.