

J. A. BRINKMAN

John Brinkman has translated a series of historical, legal, and literary documents for use in teaching: two sixty-page experimental volumes covering 3000-1600 and 1600-1000 B.C. were used in his undergraduate courses this year. A further volume (1000-300 B.C.), at present about 130 pages in draft, is still being prepared. In April, a three-year seminar project sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities to introduce the ancient literature of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Greece to Chicago public school teachers came to an end; Mr. Brinkman had directed the Mesopotamian sections of that seminar and translated such documents as the Laws of Hammurabi and the Middle Assyrian Laws for classroom use. The techniques pioneered in this seminar were written up in educational journals and served as a model for developing programs in New York, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. The seminar directors presented a panel on their work at the American Historical Association convention in Chicago in December 1991. As an offshoot of his

continuing research on historiography, Mr. Brinkman delivered two invited papers at sessions commemorating anniversaries of the American Oriental Society: "Middle Assyrian Perspectives on the Past" (Notre Dame, February 1992, seventy-fifth anniversary of the Midwest Branch of the American Oriental Society) and "Neo-Assyrian Attitudes toward and Treatment of Foreigners" (Harvard, March 1992, one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the national American Oriental Society). He also completed the catalogue of the cuneiform tablets found at Nippur in the 1975 and 1976 seasons, which will appear in a volume of the Oriental Institute Publications series which is currently in press.
