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Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31st March, 1986

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THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, 20-21 CORNWALL TERRACE, LONDON, N.W.1, ON THURSDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 1986, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR PROFESSOR DAVID OATES, TO CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTS, THE BALANCE SHEET AND THE REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITOR; TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL; TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR AND FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY BE TRANSACTED.

BEFORE THE MEETING THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is pleased to welcome as new Vice-President of the School Mr. Terence J. Clark, C.V.O., H.B.M. Ambassador in Baghdad.

We regret that Miss G. C. Talbot has resigned from the Council. Warm thanks are due to her for her many years of devoted service to the School as Hon. Secretary and as Publications Secretary.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th December 1985. Following the meeting Dr. John Curtis lectured on "British Museum excavations in the Eski Mosul area".

The School's summer lecture (the sixth Bonham Carter Memorial Lecture) was given by Professor Edith Porada on 12th June 1985 on the subject of "Monsters and demons in Mesopotamia and neighbouring countries".

Mr. David Hawkins, who has been Honorary Secretary since 1976 and has recently enjoyed a sabbatical year from that post, has now decided to relinquish it permanently. Thanks are due to him for his patient work for the School. He continues to act as joint-editor of the journal *Iraq*. He has been succeeded as Honorary Secretary by Mr. Christopher Walker of the British Museum.

During the year the School published the second volume of *Abu Salabikh Excavations*, edited by Mr. J. N. Postgate, concerning the Sumerian graves of the third millennium B.C. excavated in 1975-6. The third volume in the series will follow shortly, as will the fourth volume in the series *Ivories from Nimrud*.

In Iraq most of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq's permanent staff left Baghdad at the end of their term contracts in the autumn of 1985. Dr. Michael Roaf, Director, had been continuing work on the Mohammed 'Arab excavation reports. He has been replaced as Director by Dr. Jeremy Black, previously Assistant Director, who has continued to copy for publication cuneiform texts from the Nabu temple at Nimrud and from Ur. Dr. Black has been replaced as Assistant Director by Mr. Warwick Ball, previously Field Director in the Eski Mosul project. Mr. Robert Killick, Secretary-Librarian, and his wife Mrs. Jane Killick, Special Research Fellow, also left Iraq after many years' service to the Expedition. They had been engaged during the last year in preparing reports on the excavations at Rubeidheh, Mohammed 'Arab and Abu Salabikh. Mr. Roger Matthews has been appointed as Secretary-Librarian, and has assisted in the excavations at Abu Salabikh.

The principal activity of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq this year continued to be excavation and survey in the area to

be flooded by the Eski Mosul dam (the Saddam Dam). This is in support of a long-term rescue excavation project directed by the Iraqi State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage which will be concluded in December 1986. The Expedition's efforts were again supplemented by teams from the British Museum and from Edinburgh University.

Mr. Warwick Ball, acting as Field Director and subsequently as Assistant Director, conducted excavations at Tell Abu Dahir, a large mound on the west bank of the Tigris. A sounding down to virgin soil revealed major settlements from the Hassuna to the Old Babylonian periods, with evidence for later occupation down to the Hellenistic period. A wide area around Tell Abu Dahir was also surveyed and minor excavations were made at Siyana Ulya (Late Uruk/Ninevite 5), Wadi Suwaidiya (Late Assyrian), Seh Qubba (Sasanian/Islamic), Khirbet Karhasan (Old Babylonian/Islamic), Tell Ger Matbakh (Late Uruk/Old Babylonian) and Tell Shelgiya (Ninevite 5/Late Assyrian), allowing the establishment of a dated pottery typology for the area. Work also continued on processing the finds from the Expedition's earlier excavations at Mohammed 'Arab in preparation for publication. A team from Edinburgh University continued excavations at Tell Shelgiya in May 1986.

From September to November 1985 a team from the British Museum, directed by Dr. John Curtis, excavated at two Hellenistic sites in the Eski Mosul Dam area, Tell Der Stun and Tell Grai Darki, and made a substantial clearance at Khirbet Der Stun, an early church site.

In southern Iraq Mr. Nicholas Postgate, assisted by Mr. Roger Matthews, continued excavations under the School's sponsorship at the Sumerian city of Abu Salabikh from March to May 1986. Another 5,000 square metres of the city was planned by surface scraping and a large house of the ED III period was excavated.

From March to May 1986 Professor David Oates directed another season of excavations at Tell Brak in Syria, continuing investigation of the area of the Jemdet Nasr period Eye Temple, a major building of the Akkadian period, the palace of the Mitanni period and an adjacent temple. The principal finds in the palace were furniture ornaments, several items of frit and glass, and an alabaster statue of a seated man, the first known example of human sculpture from a Mitanni site.

Dr. Ellen McAdam was appointed as the School's Fellow for a second year, and continued her study of prehistoric figurines.

Travel grants for year 1985-6 were awarded to Dr. Esmee Webb (to look for palaeolithic material in the Eski Mosul area), Mr. Tim Clayden (to take part in the Eski Mosul excavations and to study Kassite material in the Iraq Museum), Mr. St. John Simpson (to

take part in the Eski Mosul excavations and research the Sasanian and Islamic periods) and Miss Susan Gill (to take part in the Eski Mosul excavations and study material from the Haditha project).

A total of 41 scholars, students and visitors stayed in the Expedition House in Baghdad during the 1985-86 session. These included Mr. J. V. Kinnier Wilson (the School's Visiting Scholar) and his wife, Professor Claus Wilcke (epigraphist to the German Isin expedition), Dr. Khaled Nashef (Tubingen Atlas Project), Miss J. D. Hall (Macquarie University, Sydney, to study Assyrian reliefs at Nineveh and Nimrud) and Mrs. Leri Davies (Assistant Secretary of the B.S.A.I.) who acted as Registrar at Abu Salabikh in Spring 1986.

A major event was the visit to Baghdad in June 1985 of Professor P. Mathias (Treasurer of the British Academy), Professor D. J. Wiseman (Chairman of the B.S.A.I.) and Mr. P. W. H. Brown (Secretary of the British Academy), members of a British Academy working party investigating British Schools and Institutes abroad. We are especially grateful that they were very warmly received by the Iraqi authorities. As a result of their visit the Academy made a generous grant to fund refurbishing of the Expedition's premises and the renewal of our transport. Our main premises have been largely redecorated during the year, and much of the plumbing and many of the furnishings have been replaced.

Once again, the School wishes to record its gratitude to the State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage in Iraq, and its President Dr. Mu'ayyad Sa'id Damerji, for their support and co-operation in the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq's programme of excavation and research. In spite of the many difficulties of the past year, they have been as helpful as ever.

Turning to the attached accounts, the School continues to rely heavily on financial support from the British Academy and we must express our gratitude to them for this assistance. Despite inflation in Iraq, Working Fund expenditure showed little increase over that of the previous year. The most significant change during the year was the reduction in the balance of the Special Publications and Excavations Fund. The Council decided that it was opportune to give an exceptional level of support to the excavations and publications mentioned above and this expenditure was borne by the Fund. As a result, after several years during which the financial position of the School gradually strengthened, we now have to work on a tight budget which may oblige the School to restrict its activities somewhat.

D. J. WISEMAN
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BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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		BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1986	
	£	1986	1985
1985	£		£
8,200	ENDOWMENT FUND		8,200
	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND		
	Balance at 1 April 1985	2,643	
	Add: investment income	223	
	Less: lecture fee	(100)	
2,643		2,766	
	MALLOWAN FUND		
	Balance at 1 April 1985	2,476	
	Add: investment income	518	
	Less: expenditure	(275)	
2,476		2,719	
	WORKING FUND		
	Balance at 1 April 1985	64,453	
	Add: surplus for the year	9,719	
64,453		74,172	
	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND		
	Balance at 1 April 1985	96,320	
	Less: deficit for the year	(55,843)	
96,320		40,477	
5,504	CAPITAL RESERVE	5,504	
8,000	RESERVE FOR RENEWAL OF VEHICLES	15,195	
2,827	CREDITORS	10,805	
		£159,838	£190,423
		£159,838	£190,423
		INVESTMENTS (at cost)	
	ENDOWMENT FUND		8,200
	£,149 Income shares in Charities Official Investment Fund (Market value £30,616; 1985 £24,202)	8,200	
	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND		1,713
	Fixed interest securities (page 10)	1,672	
	MALLOWAN FUND		2,500
	Fixed interest securities (page 10)	2,500	
	WORKING FUND		61,199
	Fixed interest securities (page 10)	41,492	
	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND		30,000
	Fixed interest securities (page 10)	87,404	
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	141,268	103,612
	INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE	3,955	4,384
	DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE	7,499	14,789
	BALANCES AT BANK		
	On current account	15,537	21,692
	On deposit account	6	10,000
	CASH IN TRANSIT	16,496	31,692
	CASH IN HAND		
	London	87	66
	Baghdad	5,575	5,295
		£159,838	£159,838
		£159,838	£159,838

Approved by the Council on 15th October 1986.

D. J. WISEMAN Chairman
G. J. WARREN Hon. Treasurer

In our opinion the Accounts set out on pages 7 to 10 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the School at 31st March 1986 and of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.
London, 16th October 1986.

DEARDEN FARROW
Chartered Accountants.

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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WORKING FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1986

1985 £		1986 £	1985 £	1986 £
	LONDON EXPENDITURE			
13,299	Journal	19,218	10,575	SUBSCRIPTIONS
12,157	Salaries and office	10,477	9,004	SALES OF JOURNAL
<u>25,456</u>			4,164	GERTRUDE BELL TRUST INCOME
		29,695	116,000	BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT
	BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE		437	VARIOUS DONATIONS
31,852	Staff	34,371		INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS
28,326	Rent	32,252	4,459	Dividends
25,757	House and school	25,001	1,238	Bank deposit interest
13,633	Fellowships and visiting scholars	15,269		
2,952	Library	2,387		
<u>102,520</u>		109,280		
434	LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	—	2,739	PROFIT ON EXCHANGE
	AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES		—	PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS
	—under reserved for vehicle			
3,186	purchased in year	—		
8,000	—further reserve	10,000		
—	LOSS ON EXCHANGE	1,783		
—	PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS	155		
9,020	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	9,719		
<u>£148,616</u>		<u>£160,632</u>	<u>£148,616</u>	<u>£160,632</u>

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1986

1985 £		1986 £	1985 £	1986 £
	EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE			
26,883	Eski Mosul	37,618		
22,872	Abu Salabikh	33,961	16,496	
12,000	Tell Brak	10,000		13,756
413	Sundries	1,274	9,500	
<u>62,168</u>		82,853	7,150	11,500
16,841	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS	23,712	—	3,000
46	LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	—	4,000	4,000
—	PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS	31	37,146	32,256
46,016	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	—	72,497	—
			5,990	
			9,438	
			—	
			—	
			—	
<u>£125,071</u>		<u>£106,596</u>	<u>£125,071</u>	<u>£106,596</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. **FIXED ASSETS**
The cost of fixed assets is written off in the year of acquisition. The cost of motor vehicles is set against the Accumulated Reserve for the Renewal of Motor Vehicles.
2. **FOREIGN CURRENCY**
At the year end foreign currency holdings are converted at the rate ruling on the balance sheet date. Transactions during the year are shown at the average rate for the year.
3. **STOCKS**
Publication and stationery stocks are not brought into account because they are considered to be immaterial, but are written off in the year in which the expense is incurred.
4. **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**
Grants and donations have been accounted for on a received basis.
5. **STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS**
No such statement has been prepared because in the opinion of the members of Council the nature of the accounts makes it unnecessary.

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INVESTMENTS 31 MARCH 1986

		Cost £	Market Value £
WORKING FUND			
£	East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable Preference Stock, 1950/90	692	500
20,749	Treasury 10% Stock, 1987	20,000	20,775
4,210	Treasury 11½% Stock, 1989	4,287	4,401
23,785	Treasury 10½% Stock, 1989	22,920	24,320
13,228	Exchequer 10½% Stock, 1987	13,300	13,310
		<u>£61,199</u>	<u>£63,306</u>
	1985	<u>£41,492</u>	<u>£40,900</u>
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND			
1,682	Treasury 11½% Stock, 1989	1,713	1,758
	1985	<u>£1,672</u>	<u>£1,602</u>
MALLOWAN FUND			
2,552	Treasury 7½% Stock, 1985/88	£2,500	£2,480
	1985	<u>£2,500</u>	<u>£2,500</u>
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND			
20,383	Exchequer 10½% Stock, 1988	20,000	20,459
10,455	Treasury 10% Stock, 1989	10,000	10,546
		<u>£30,000</u>	<u>£31,005</u>
	1985	<u>£87,404</u>	<u>£87,312</u>

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pp. vii, 110, pls. I-XII (1983). £9.50

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by O. R. Gurney
203 pp., 4 pls. (1984). £12.00

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by Stephanie Dalley & J. N. Postgate
289 pp., 50 pls. (1984). £24.00