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Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1987

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, 20-21 CORNWALL TERRACE, LONDON, N.W.I, ON WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1987, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR DR. JEREMY BLACK, 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 records with deep regret the death on 18th April 1986 of Mr. Charles Wilkinson, who as Curator of the Department of Ancient Near Eastern Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, gave major financial and practical help to the School's excavations at Nimrud.

We also record with regret the death on 29th July 1986 of Dr. Richard Barnett, sometime Keeper of Western Asiatic Antiquities in the British Museum, who was for many years a member of the Council and Executive Committee and a long-standing friend of the School.

We are pleased to welcome as new members of Council Mr. Peter Brown, representing the British Academy, Dr. S. M. Dalley, representing the Board of Oriental Studies, Oxford University, and Dr. S. R. F. Price, representing Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Mr. John Springford has resigned from the Council. Thanks are due to him for his assistance to the School over many years, both as British Council representative in Baghdad and, more recently, as the School's Hon. Treasurer.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th December 1986. Following the meeting Professor David Oates lectured on his excavations at Brak.

1986 saw the sixtieth anniversary of the death of Gertrude Bell, in whose memory the School was founded in 1932 with the assistance of the Gertrude Bell Memorial Fund. Appropriately the School's summer lecture, also jointly sponsored by the Royal Geographical Society, was given by Ms Lynn Ritchie on 29th May 1986 under the title "Gertrude Bell's photographs, letters and journals".

During the year the School has published the fourth fascicule (in two parts) of its series *Ivories from Nimrud*. Prepared by Dr. Georgina Herrmann, it describes and illustrates over 1,500 ivories found in Room SW 37 of Fort Shalmaneser.

Mrs. Jane Killick has been appointed as the School's Publications Secretary in succession to Dr. Dominique Collon.

In Iraq the School's major archaeological activity continued to be focused on the north of Iraq in the area to be flooded by the new Saddam Dam on the Tigris and in the Jezirah to the west, which is to be intensively developed agriculturally. We continue to support the overall rescue project directed by the Iraqi State Organisation for Antiquities and Heritage. In the autumn the Assistant Director, Mr. Warwick Ball, conducted a five month study season at Tell Afar analysing the results of the previous season's work at Tell Abu Dhahir in preparation for definitive publication. Future work is to be concentrated on the site of Tell Hawa, some 90 kilometres WNW of Mosul. A detailed surface survey of the main mound and immediately adjacent mounds covering an area of some 80 hectares, undertaken by Mr. David Tucker in Autumn 1986, revealed occupation

from Halaf to Islamic times with major occupation being recorded in the Uruk and Akkad periods; three late Assyrian cuneiform texts were also found. At the same time an extended survey of about five kilometres' radius around Tell Hawa, conducted by Dr. Tony Wilkinson, has begun to place the town in its wider setting, locating some thirty further sites in the vicinity, plotting the "hollow ways" which indicate the lines of ancient roads, and establishing the areas of ancient manuring and distribution of urban refuse which show the pattern of agricultural activity.

As a result of administrative difficulties in Baghdad, Iraqi support for excavation at Tell Hawa could not be provided on the scale originally expected, so preliminary excavation on the site in Spring 1987 was necessarily on a limited scale. Two months' work revealed evidence of monumental buildings of the second millennium on the main mound and began investigation of the Uruk city.

Dr. John Curtis of the British Museum continued his excavation of the Ilkhanid period church site at Khirbet Deir Situn in the Saddam Dam area.

In the Autumn of 1986 and again in the Spring of 1987 a small team from Edinburgh University led by Dr. Trevor Watkins and Dr. Ellen McAdam began excavation of Qermiz Dere, an aceramic Neolithic site in the town of Tell Afar.

At Samarra Dr. Alastair Northedge continued his surface survey of the early Islamic city, planning remains visible on the surface and sampling pottery.

At Abu Salabikh a team from New York State University at Binghampton, led by Dr. Susan Pollock, working under the auspices of the School, continued work on the Uruk Mound, adding a new chapter to the history of the site with the discovery of polychrome pottery of Jemdet Nasr style.

From March to May 1987 Professor David Oates directed another season of excavations at Tell Brak in Syria, continuing excavation of the palace of the Mitanni period.

The Director, Dr. Jeremy Black, has been busy copying literary texts from Nimrud in preparation for the next volume of *Cuneiform Texts from Nimrud*, in studying Sumerian literary texts, and in writing a contribution to the final report on the joint Belgian-British study of the wall of Nebuchadnezzar II.

The Secretary-Librarian, Mr. Roger Matthews, has continued his studies of third millenium clay sealings and sealing techniques.

Miss Wendy Knight was appointed as the School Fellow for the year. She has been making a comparative analysis of ceramic types in NW Iraq during the fourth millennium BC.

Travel grants were made to Dr. Tony Green (to study Nimrud figurines), Mr. St. John Simpson (to study Sasanian and Islamic pottery and sites), Miss Bronwen Morgan (to study evidence for the Roman presence in North Iraq). Mr. David Tucker (to develop a

Roman presence in North Iraq), Mr. David Tucker (to develop a methodology of surface sampling within the Hawa project), Miss

Louise Scott (to conduct a survey of recent work at Nineveh), Mr. Peter Sheehan (to take part in the Hawa survey), Miss J. D. Hall (to study seal impressions of the Nuzi period from Tell al-Fakhar), Miss Helen McDonald (to take part in the Hawa project), Mr. Andrew Peterson (to take part in the Samarra survey and visit Islamic sites), and Mr. Andrew Fisher (to draw material from a previous Tell Afar survey).

A total of fifty scholars, students and visitors stayed in the Expedition House in Baghdad during the 1986-7 session. These included Professor David Stronach (University of California at Berkeley) to plan new excavations at Nineveh, Professor Elizabeth Stone (New York University) and Professor Paul Zimansky (Boston University) to map the Old Babylonian site of Tell Malih, Professor McGuire Gibson (University of Chicago) to investigate sites in Northern Iraq, Dr. Andrew George (London University), Mr. John McGinnis (Cambridge University) to work at Nineveh, the American team excavating at Abu Salabikh, and the Hon. Secretary.

The programme of renovation and refurnishing of the Expedition House in Baghdad has continued; an invasion of termites has been a cause for concern and necessitated some rearrangement of accommodation. A grant of £1,000 from the British Academy has enabled us to embark on some much needed rebinding of our library.

A further cause for concern has been the registration of our vehicles in Iraq. As a result of new customs regulations two of the School's vehicles have been off the road for a whole year. At the end of the financial year we were finally able to import a new Tovota Hi-lux 4WD pick-up

Preparations are under way for a travelling exhibition of the School's work in recent years, which we hope will be effective in encouraging further financial and practical support for our work. We are grateful to the British Academy for a grant towards the cost of these preparations.

The School wishes to express is gratitude to the Iraqi State Organisation for Antiquities and Heritage, and in particular to its President, Dr. Mu'ayyad Sa'id Damerji, for their constant support and co-operation.

Turning to the accounts which follow below, we must once again express our gratitude to the British Academy for their continuing financial support. By strict control we have been able to keep our running expenses, both in Iraq and in the United Kingdom, at the levels of the previous year. On the other hand, the Council again felt that we should maintain our excavations at as high a level as circumstances and our reserves permitted. This has led to a further sharp erosion of the balance in the Special Publications and Excavations Fund. This fund is now almost exhausted and we shall have to plan future activities accordingly.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1987	INVESTMENTS (at cost)	ENDOWMENT FUND 8.49 Income shares in Charities Official Investment Fund (Market value £36,698; 1986 £30,616)	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND Fixed interest securities (page 10)	≊	WORKING FUND Fixed interest securities (page 10)	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND Fixed interest securities (page 10)	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE	DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE	BALANCES AT BANK On current account	CASH IN HAND	London Baghdad	
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WORKING FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1987

	1986 £		£	1987	£	1986 £		£	1987 £
	10.210	LONDON EXPENDITURE	12,963			8,921	SUBSCRIPTIONS		10,450
	19,218 10,477	Salaries and office	11,977		24.040	1,028	SALES OF JOURNAL		1,536
		BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE		•	24,940	143,500	BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT		135,200
	34,371 32,252	Staff Rent	32,075 29,060			355	VARIOUS DONATIONS		1,405
00	25,001 15,269 2,387	House and school Fellowships and visiting scholars Library	23,719 11,024 3,855	9	99,733	5,170 1,050	INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS Dividends Bank deposit interest	8,081 1,261	9,342
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		TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND		1	12,765				
	9,719	SURPLUS FOR YEAR			3,711				
	160,632			£15	7,933	£160,632			£157,933

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1987

1986 £		1987 £	1986 £		1987 £
37,618 33,961	EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE Eski Mosul North Jazira Project Abu Salabikh	24,747 32,429	13,756 11,500	GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS National Geographical Society British Academy Eski Mosul	- -
10,000	Tell Brak Samarra	5,000 4,000	_	North Jazira Project Abu Salabikh British Museum	14,000 7,500
82,853		66,176	3,000	Abu Salabikh Tell Brak Trinity College, Cambridge	3,000 5,000
23,712	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS	19,388	4,000	Abu Salabikh	4,000
31	PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS	99	32,256		33,500
			8,189	SALES	7,527
•			9,711	INVESTMENT INCOME	3,186
-			597	PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	•
			_	TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND	12,765
			55,843	DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	28,685
£106,596		£85,663	£106,596		£85,663

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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.

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.

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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.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS
Grants and donations have been accounted for on a received basis.

STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS
No such statement has been prepared because in the opinion of the members of the Council the nature of the accounts makes it unnecessary.

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	INVESTMENTS 31 MARCH 198	7		
£	WORKING FUND		Cost £	Market Value £
673 20,749 4,210 23,785 20,383	East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable Preference Stock, 1950/90 Treasury 10% Stock, 1987 Treasury 10½% Stock, 1989 Treasury 10½% Stock, 1989 Exchequer 10½% Stock, 1988		692 20,000 4,287 22,920 20,000	550 20,749 4,370 24,357 20,638
			£67,899	£70,664
		1986	£61,199	£63,306
	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FU	ND		
1,682	Treasury 11½% Stock, 1989		£1,713	£1,746
		1986	£1,713	£1,758
•	MALLOWAN FUND			
2,552	Treasury 73 % Stock, 1985/88		£2,500	£2,528
		1986	£2,500	£2,480
	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVAT	IONS I	FUND	
10,455	Exchequer 10% Stock, 1989		£10,000	£10,618
		1986	£30,000	£31,005

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