

Recent Publications

ABU SALABIKH EXCAVATIONS VOLUME 3
CATALOGUE OF EARLY DYNASTIC POTTERY

by

J. Moon

190 pp. of text and figs., 4 pls. (1988)

£14.00

EXCAVATIONS AT 'ANA, QAL'A ISLAND

by

A. Northedge, A. Bamber & M. Roaf

158 pp., 16 pp. of plates, 57 figs. (1988)

£35.00

The Journal **IRAQ** Vol. XLIX (1987). £15.00

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Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31st March, 1988

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THE FIFTY-FIFTH 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, 24th NOVEMBER, 1988**, AT **5 p.m.**, TO HEAR DR. LAMIA AL-GAILANI WERR, 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

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Harriet Crawford as a co-opted member of Council and Dr. Jeremy Black as nominated representative of the Board of Oriental Studies of Oxford University. Drs. Stephanie Dalley and Michael Rogers have also been co-opted following Dr. Black's nomination and Dr. Rogers' resignation as representative of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs.

Dr. Edmond Sollberger has retired from the Council. Thanks are due to him for his support for the School over many years.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 25th November 1987. Following the meeting Dr. Jeremy Black, Director, lectured on "The Slain Heroes: some monsters of Ancient Mesopotamia".

The Bonham Carter Memorial lecture for 1987 was given by Professor W. G. Lambert on 4th June under the title "Who were the Assyrians?"

During the year the School has published the third fascicule of its series *Abu Salabikh Excavations*, subtitled *Catalogue of Early Dynastic Pottery*, by Jane Moon. It deals with pottery of the Early Dynastic period excavated at Abu Salabikh between 1975 and 1983. Pottery of other periods will be dealt with separately.

The School has entered into an agreement with Aris and Phillips Ltd. for the publication of future excavation reports under the title of *Iraq Archaeological Reports*: it is hoped that this arrangement will ensure the elimination of costly publication subsidies.

In June 1987 the School was pleased to be able to play its part in welcoming Dr. Mu'ayyad Sa'id Damerji, Director-General of the Iraqi Department of Antiquities and Heritage, who was making a two-week visit to the U.K. under the sponsorship of the British Council. It presented an opportunity to give practical expression to our gratitude for the continuing support and co-operation which we receive from the Iraqi authorities for the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq's programme of excavation and research. He was entertained by members of Council on visits to Cambridge, Oxford and Edinburgh.

Dr. Jeremy Black resigned as the Director of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq in January 1988 on his appointment to a Lectureship in Akkadian at Oxford University. Mr. Roger Matthews, previously Secretary-Librarian, was appointed as the next Director with effect from 1st March; he was married to Miss Wendy Knight in Baghdad in March 1988.

In Iraq the School continued its work in the North Jezirah, the area which is to be extensively developed agriculturally using the waters from the new Saddam Dam on the Tigris. Much of the area is already criss-crossed by new irrigation channels. The School continues to support the archaeological rescue project organised by the Iraqi Department of Antiquities and Heritage. In the autumn the

Assistant Director, Mr. Warwick Ball, conducted a two-month season of excavations at Tell Hawa, which had been surveyed in detail in 1986. These preliminary excavations have revealed traces of a late Assyrian brick platform or ziggurat and an associated destruction level. Inscriptions found referred to the Assyrian king Shalmaneser III and to the god Adad. At the same time Dr. Tony Wilkinson continued his survey in the vicinity around Tell Hawa, extending his previous plans of sites and "hollow ways" and adding to our understanding of the growth of occupation in this area. Stuart and Bronwell Campbell conducted excavations on two small prehistoric sites in the area.

The 1988 season at Abu Salabikh was directed by Mr. Nicholas Postgate with Mr. Roger Matthews as Assistant Director. The surface clearance programme continued while excavation concentrated on the two large ED III houses on the main mound in one of which were found two largely undisturbed burials and four cuneiform tablets of ED III date. The city wall was sectioned on the west side of the main mound and the investigation of an industrial area and a city gate in Area A was begun. Mr. Tony Wilkinson carried out a geomorphological survey of the site.

Professor David Oates directed another season of excavations at Tell Brak in the spring of 1988. The major discovery was a new building of the Akkadian period, possibly having a ceremonial function and incorporating a small temple.

The Director, Dr. Jeremy Black, before leaving Baghdad in January 1988 completed work on copies of literary texts from Nimrud for publication in the next volume of *Cuneiform Texts from Nimrud*. During the year he visited East Berlin as a British Academy exchange visitor and Toronto as a Visiting Fellow of the Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia project.

The Assistant Director, Mr. Warwick Ball, was occupied throughout the year with excavations and publication preparation concerning the North Jezirah Project.

The Secretary-Librarian, Mr. Roger Matthews, continued his studies of third millennium clay sealings and sealing techniques, also visiting collections in Berlin, Oxford and London, and expects to present the results of his researches as a Ph.D. dissertation at Cambridge in the autumn of 1988. He has begun planning a future programme of excavations at Jemdet Nasr.

Mr. Tony Wilkinson was appointed as the School Fellow for the year. In addition to his work in the North Jezirah he took part in the spring season at Abu Salabikh and surveyed a large area around the Sumerian city to identify settlement patterns.

In the School's programme for Visiting Scholars Professor David Oates and Dr. Joan Oates visited Iraq in December 1987. They were able to review current work on prehistoric archaeology in Iraq and to inspect the School's work in the North Jezirah. Dr. Erica

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WORKING FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1988

	1987	1988	1987	1988
	£	£	£	£
1987				
1988				
12,963	22,650		10,450	9,319
11,977	11,495		1,536	1,919
24,940		34,145	135,200	142,500
			—	2,942
32,075	31,730		1,405	1,620
29,060	25,283			
23,719	19,548			
11,024	13,499			
3,835	1,965			
99,733		92,025	9,342	9,691
				1,917
15,000		5,000		
239	—	—		
1,533	1,641			
12	—			
12,765	30,000			
3,711	7,097			
<u>£157,933</u>	<u>£169,908</u>	<u>£157,933</u>		<u>£169,908</u>

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1988

	1987	1988	1987	1988
	£	£	£	£
1987				
1988				
24,747	20,354		7,500	8,000
32,429	50,335		4,000	4,000
4,000	4,000		—	14,934
5,000	10,000		3,000	—
66,167	64,689		14,000	7,500
19,388	9,777		—	1,000
99	311		—	2,000
—	19,614		5,000	1,000
			33,500	5,000
				43,434
				12,000
				7,163
				1,045
				749
				30,000
				—
<u>£85,663</u>	<u>£94,391</u>	<u>£85,663</u>		<u>£94,391</u>

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
Transactions during the year are shown at the average rate for the year.
- 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 DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS
Grants donations and subscriptions 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 1988

	Cost £	Market Value £
ENDOWMENT FUND		
Income shares in Charities Official Investment fund	£8,200	£33,211
1987	£8,200	£36,698
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND	2,922	
1,682 Preference 11% Stock 1989	4,313	
2800 Treasury 10 1/2, 1992	4,313	£1,788
MALLOWAN FUND		
2,507 Treasury 9% Stock, 1994	£2,552	£2,504
1987	£2,500	£2,508
WORKING FUND		
East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable Preference Stock, 1950/90	692	606
20772 T. 8% 1992	20,000	20,408
4210 Exchequer 10 1/2% Stock 1988	4,287	4,310
23,785 Treasury 10 1/2% Stock 1989	22,920	24,231
19,889 Exchequer 11% Stock, 1990	20,700	20,660
5000 Treasury 10 1/2, 1992	£68,599	£70,215
1987	£67,899	£70,664
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND		
10,455 Exchequer 10% Stock, 1989	£10,000	£10,612
15000 Treasury 10% 1990	£10,000	£10,618
1987		

20772 T. 8% 1992
matured & not reinvested

Recent Publications

THE MIDDLE BABYLONIAN LEGAL AND ECONOMIC
TEXTS FROM UR

by O. R. Gurney

203 pp., 4 pls. (1984). £12.00

CUNEIFORM TEXTS FROM NIMRUD
III: THE TABLETS FROM FORT SHALMANESER

by Stephanie Dalley & J. N. Postgate

289 pp., 50 pls. (1984). £24.00

ABU SALABIKH EXCAVATIONS VOLUME 2
GRAVES 1-99

by

H. P. Martin, J. Moon and J. N. Postgate

pp. vi 224, 32 pls., 149 line drawings + plans (1985). £27.00

IVORIES FROM NIMRUD FASCICULE IV
IVORIES FROM ROOM SW37 FORT SHALMANESER

by G. Herrmann

with contributions by

K. A. Kitchen and A. R. Millard

2 volumes: part 1, commentary and catalogue, 288 pp;

part 2, 422 pp. of plates (1986)

£100.00