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**THE FIFTY-SIXTH 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, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1989**, AT **5 p.m.**, TO HEAR MR. NICHOLAS POSTGATE, 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.

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Council much regrets that after many years of directing the School's affairs as Chairman of the Executive Committee Professor Donald Wiseman has felt obliged to relinquish this responsibility. The Council has appointed Professor David Oates as the new Chairman. The Council has also been pleased to appoint Professor Wiseman and Lady Bonham Carter, one of the School's staunchest friends, as Vice-Presidents. We welcome Mr. R. H. Pinder-Wilson as a co-opted member of Council.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 24th November 1988. Following the meeting Dr. Lamia al-Gailani Werr lectured on recent archaeological discoveries in Iraq.

The School's summer lecture was given by Mr. Warwick Ball, Assistant Director, on 8th June 1988 under the title "Two seasons of the Tell al-Hawa project".

During the year the School has published the first volume in its new series *Iraq Archaeological Reports*, entitled *Excavations at 'Ana, Qal'a Island*, by A. Northedge, A. Bamber and M. Roaf.

Mr. Warwick Ball resigned as the School's Assistant Director at the end of December, and the Council appointed in his place Mr. Tony Wilkinson, who had previously played a substantial part in the School's work in the North Jezirah.

Dr. Graham Philip was appointed as the School's Secretary-Librarian in October.

In Iraq the Assistant Director (Warwick Ball) conducted a third season of excavations at Tell al-Hawa in the autumn. The brick platform at the south end of the mound was further investigated, as was an area at the north end of the mound which had been cut by a canal; further cuneiform inscriptions were discovered. Also within the framework of the North Jezirah project Mr. Tony Wilkinson conducted soundings on three sites threatened by agricultural development.

In a new departure for the School the Director began in October a programme of excavations at the site of Jemdet Nasr, previously excavated by S. Langdon and L. C. Watelin on behalf of Oxford University and the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, in the 1920s. The aim is a thorough re-investigation of the site, which is of importance both as a type-site for the early third millennium BC and as one of the earliest sources of cuneiform inscriptions. Both the main mounds A and B previously investigated have been re-surveyed. Preliminary surface clearance of some 2,200 square metres on mound B has allowed tentative identification of some of the buildings of the Jemdet Nasr period excavated by Langdon, and the pottery and artefacts recovered correspond well to those excavated in

the 1920s. Evidence of occupation during the immediately following Early Dynastic I period on mound B came from a building of plano-convex brick and from a rubbish dump. On mound A clearance revealed the plan of a large building, surviving only at the level of its foundation courses, but probably datable to the Neo-Babylonian period. Clearly associated with this building is a large wall, about four metres in width, which circumvallates Mound A. A possible gateway has been identified.

In the late spring Dr. Alastair Northedge began a new season of survey and excavations at Samarra, Dr. Trevor Watkins renewed his work at Qirmiz Dere on behalf of Edinburgh University, and Mr. Nicholas Postgate returned to Abu Salabikh for a further season of excavations.

The Director has continued his studies of third millennium clay sealings and sealing techniques, and has worked on seal impressions on Jemdet Nasr tablets in Oxford, London and Baghdad for a joint publication with R. K. Englund of Berlin. He also acted as Field Director for the Abu Salabikh excavations.

The Assistant Director (Tony Wilkinson) also conducted survey work at Abu Salabikh and Samarra.

The Secretary-Librarian has been continuing his studies of Near Eastern metalwork, with particular reference to material excavated in the Hamrin area.

The School Fellow for the year was Mr. Tony Wilkinson, subsequently appointed as Assistant Director. Dr. Alastair Northedge was appointed Special Research Fellow to continue his work on the survey of Samarra.

Travel grants were made to Douglas Baird (to study the chipped stone assemblage from the early Neolithic site of Ginnig, North Jezirah), Elizabeth N. Cooper (to visit archaeological sites and take part in the Abu Salabikh excavations), Keith M. Dobney (to study faunal remains from Qirmiz Dere), Robin Falkner (to study Islamic pottery), Dr. Erica C. D. Hunter (to continue her study of incantation bowls in the Iraq Museum), Dr. E. McAdam (to study model chariot fragments in the Iraq Museum), Miss Helen McDonald (to take part in the North Jezirah Project and study Late Assyrian pottery from Nimrud), John McGinnis (to continue his Nineveh survey), Alan Pipe (to study animal bone material from sites in the Saddam Dam project), David Tucker (to take part in the North Jezirah Project), Dr. Trevor Watkins (to study recent work on prehistoric archaeology, as the School's Visiting Scholar), Marcus Woodburn (to undertake post-excavation work on material from Jemdet Nasr).

The move to new premises at 34/3/609 Mansour took place in late August, and the Expedition House saw a stream of visitors during the 1988-9 session. Apart from the School's own excavation teams these included Dr. J. E. Curtis (British Museum) and Dr. G.

Herrmann to prepare for future excavations at Nimrud and Balawat, Dr. A. R. George (London University) to work on cuneiform inscriptions, Professor Elizabeth Stone (New York University) and Professor Paul Zimansky (Boston University) to excavate at Abu Duwari, and Professor David Stronach (University of California at Berkeley) to excavate at Nineveh.

The School has continued to suffer from a shortage of transport in Iraq, having to rely for much of the year on a single Toyota pick-up. Fortunately at the end of the year we were able to arrange for the import of a new double-cabin Toyota, which should enable us to give a more satisfactory service, to excavations in particular, during the coming year.

The School wishes to express its gratitude to the Iraqi Department of Antiquities and Heritage, and in particular to its Director Dr. Mu'ayyad Sa'ad Damerji, for their constant support and co-operation.

The British Academy has continued to give us generous financial assistance for which we are most grateful. We have been able to contain costs in London, in particular reducing journal expenditure. Baghdad costs have been stable apart from those related to our move to new premises last autumn. We have been able to obtain support from a wide range of outside sources for our excavations. We suffered a major financial blow in Iraq when we were obliged to pay a fine of £14,500, following changes in the vehicle import regulations. This and the purchase of a new vehicle nearly exhausted the reserve for vehicle replacement but by careful management we have been able to partially restore it by the year-end.

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BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ  
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)  
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1989

1988		1989		1988		1989	
£		£	£	£		£	£
8,200	ENDOWMENT FUND		8,200		INVESTMENTS (at cost)		
	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND				ENDOWMENT FUND		
	Balance at 1 April 1988	2,820			Income shares in Charities Official		
	Add: investment income	193		8,200	Investment Fund		8,200
	Less: lecture fee	(150)			BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND		
	Loss on sale of investment	(31)		1,713	Fixed interest securities		2,922
2,820			2,832		MALLOWAN FUND		
	MALLOWAN FUND			2,552	Fixed interest securities		2,552
	Balance at 1 April 1988	2,493			WORKING FUND		
	Add: investment income	226		68,599	Fixed interest securities		69,899
	Less: expenditure	(238)			SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND		
2,493			2,481		EXCAVATIONS FUND		
	WORKING FUND			10,000	Fixed interest securities		25,008
	Balance at 1 April 1988	84,981			TOTAL INVESTMENTS		108,581
	Add: surplus for the year	6,678		5,203	INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE		820
84,981			91,659	4,728	DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN		
	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND				ADVANCE		8,703
	EXCAVATIONS FUND				BALANCES AT BANK		
	Balance at 1 April 1988	31,405			On current account	21,621	
	Add: surplus for the year	8,872			On deposit account	16,411	
31,405			40,277				38,032
	CAPITAL RESERVE		5,504		CASH IN HAND		
5,504					London	98	
	RESERVE FOR RENEWAL OF				Baghdad	11,027	
	VEHICLES						11,125
	Balance at 1 April 1988	24,477		14,271			
	Less: expenditure	(20,206)		2,037			
	Add: transfer from Working fund	10,000					
24,477			14,271				
	CREDITORS		2,037				
1,720							
<u>£161,600</u>			<u>£167,261</u>				<u>£167,261</u>

D. OATES *Chairman*  
G. J. WARREN *Hon. Treasurer*

We have examined the financial statements set out in pages 7 to 10 in accordance with approved auditing standards. Where we have been unable to obtain independent confirmation of the completeness of the transactions in Iraq, and of subscriptions and sales of publications, we have accepted assurances from the Chairman and Treasurer that all transactions have been reflected in the records. Subject to the foregoing, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31 March 1989 and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

BDO BINDER HAMLYN  
*Chartered Accountants.*

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ**  
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**WORKING FUND**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1989**

1988		1989		1988		1989	
£		£	£	£		£	£
	<b>LONDON EXPENDITURE</b>			9,319	<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>		11,439
22,650	Journal	16,883		1,919	<b>SALES OF JOURNAL</b>		3,195
11,495	Salaries and office	13,048			<b>BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT</b>		145,000
<u>34,145</u>			29,931	142,500	<b>GERTRUDE BELL TRUST INCOME</b>		—
	<b>BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE</b>			2,942	<b>PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS</b>		306
31,730	Staff	30,008		—	<b>VARIOUS DONATIONS</b>		1,065
25,283	Rent	25,940		1,620	<b>INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS</b>		
19,548	House and school	29,856			Dividends	9,007	
13,499	Fellowships and visiting scholars	16,051	104,975		Bank deposit interest	2,077	11,084
1,965	Library	3,120		11,608	<b>PROFIT ON EXCHANGE</b>		1,795
<u>92,025</u>							
	<b>AMOUNTS SET ASIDE TOWARDS</b>						
5,000	<b>RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES</b>		10,000				
1,641	<b>LOSS ON EXCHANGE</b>		—				
—	<b>PREPARATION OF PUBLICATIONS</b>		2,300				
	<b>TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS</b>						
30,000	<b>AND EXCAVATIONS FUND</b>		20,000				
7,097	<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		6,678				
<u>£169,908</u>			<u>£173,884</u>				<u>£173,884</u>

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ**  
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**SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1989**

1988		1989		1988		1989	
£		£	£	£		£	£
	<b>EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS</b>		
20,354	North Jazira Project	18,266			Abu Salabikh		
30,335	Abu Salabikh	33,075		8,000	British Academy	8,000	
4,000	Samarra	6,019		4,000	Trinity College, Cambridge	4,000	
10,000	Tell Brak	—		14,934	National Geographic Society	14,420	
—	Jemdet Nasr	5,883		—	University of Cambridge	10,000	
<u>64,689</u>			63,243	7,500	North Jazira Project	2,000	
	<b>SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS</b>			—	British Academy	2,000	
9,777		2,092		—	British Petroleum	1,814	
311	<b>PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS</b>	—		—	Binnie Partners	5,320	
19,614	<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	8,872		1,000	National Geographic Society	750	
				3,000	G. A. Wainwright Fund	—	
				5,000	Various	—	
					Tell Brak	—	
					British Museum	—	
				43,434			48,304
				12,000	<b>GENERAL GRANT</b>		—
				7,163	<b>SALES</b>		4,858
				1,045	<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		1,045
				749	<b>PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS</b>		—
				30,000	<b>TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND</b>		20,000
<u>£94,391</u>			<u>£74,207</u>				<u>£94,391</u>

**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.
- 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.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ  
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INVESTMENTS 31 MARCH 1989		Cost £	Market Value £
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>			
8,149	Income shares in Charities Official Investment fund	£8,200	£38,539
		<u>£8,200</u>	<u>£33,211</u>
		1988	
		<u>£8,200</u>	<u>£33,211</u>
<b>BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND</b>			
2,800	Treasury 10½% Stock, 1992	£2,922	£2,771
		<u>£1,713</u>	<u>£1,722</u>
		1988	
		<u>£1,713</u>	<u>£1,722</u>
<b>MALLOWAN FUND</b>			
2,507	Treasury 9% Stock, 1994	£2,552	£2,369
		<u>£2,552</u>	<u>£2,508</u>
		1988	
		<u>£2,552</u>	<u>£2,508</u>
<b>WORKING FUND</b>			
	East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable		
673	Preference Stock, 1950/90	692	640
20,772	Treasury 8% Stock, 1992	20,383	19,240
5,000	Treasury 10½% Stock, 1992	5,204	4,948
23,785	Treasury 10½% Stock, 1989	22,920	23,540
19,889	Exchequer 11% Stock, 1990	20,700	19,746
		<u>£69,899</u>	<u>£68,114</u>
		1988	
		<u>£68,599</u>	<u>£70,215</u>
<b>SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND</b>			
10,455	Exchequer 10% Stock, 1989	10,000	10,370
15,000	Treasury 10% Stock, 1990	15,008	14,663
		<u>£25,008</u>	<u>£25,033</u>
		1988	
		<u>£10,000</u>	<u>£10,612</u>

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