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NEW PUBLICATIONS

SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH JAZIRA, IRAQ

A Study of the Archaeological Landscape
(Iraq Archaeological Reports No. 3)

by

T.J. Wilkinson & D.J. Tucker

Using data from archaeological surveys conducted during the late 80s, this volume charts the ebb and flow of human population in this important part of upper Mesopotamia. The authors consider the archaeological landscape, water exploitation and the changes in each period studied, giving a picture of the settlement, land use and communications in the area through time. The archaeological landscape, when reviewed in conjunction with the settlement and artefact record, provides here a framework for assessing ancient economy and demography from the early post-glacial period until late Islamic times.

240pp, 81 figs., 3 fold-outs, 12 pls.; (1995) limp 0 85668 658 1 £35

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Report & Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 1995

THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE **BRITISH ACADEMY**, 20-21 CORNWALL TERRACE, LONDON, NW1, ON **THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1995, AT 5.00p.m.** TO HEAR DR ROGER MATTHEWS, TO CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTS, THE BALANCE SHEET AND THE REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITORS; 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 School and the Institute of Archaeology/University College London co-hosted a lecture on 22nd June 1994 to celebrate the life of Lady Mallowan. The lecture, entitled "From Nimrud to Susa: 'le carnaval des animaux'" was given by Dr Agnès Spycket.

At its meeting on 23rd June 1994, the Council elected Sir Stephen Egerton a Vice-President of the School in recognition of his invaluable support of the School, especially in the recent difficult times.

The twelfth Bonham Carter Memorial Lecture was given on 23rd June 1994 by Professor David Stronach on "Excavations at Nineveh, 1987-1990".

The Annual General Meeting was held on 7th December 1994. Following the meeting, Dr Andrew George lectured on "The bricks of E-sangil: back inside the temple of Marduk at Babylon".

Professor David Hawkins retired from the Editorship of Iraq at the end of 1994, after 25 years. The School is much indebted to him for his long and distinguished service. Dr Andrew George has been appointed to succeed Professor Hawkins in the joint Editorship with Dr Collon.

During the year, the formal recommendation from the British Academy and the Foreign Office that the School should not send any official representatives to Iraq remained unchanged. However, in December 1994, an International Symposium on Looted Antiquities was held in Baghdad under the Chairmanship of Dr Mu'ayyad Damerji (Director of the Iraqi Department of Antiquities and Heritage) with the aim of staunching the flow of stolen antiquities from Iraq and several members of the School attended in a private capacity. Antiquities were lost through looting of provincial museums in the aftermath of the Gulf War and have been subsequently (and are being) lost through thefts from sites and site museums and through illicit excavation. A Code of Ethics was formulated at the Baghdad conference which the Council of the School (as representatives of the academic community in the U.K. in matters to do with Iraqi antiquity) formally endorsed as an expression of sympathy and to reflect its abhorrence of the illegal trade in antiquities. At the Baghdad conference, the Iraqi authorities expressed their appreciation of the School's efforts in publishing the *Lost Heritage* fascicules.

The Expedition house in Baghdad has remained unharmed under the care of the cook who has continued to act as caretaker/guardian. However, the increasing threat of damp and termites has made it necessary to pack up the Expedition library (over 3,500 volumes) and transfer it for safe-keeping to the British Embassy in Baghdad. This was

achieved through the good offices of Sir Stephen Egerton, acting in co-operation with the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Director of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq, Dr Roger Matthews, carried out a second season of excavations at Tell Brak in Syria from mid-March to late May 1995. This season saw the beginning of the implementation of a Leverhulme Trust project at the site entailing the recovery and statistical analysis of all surviving types of artefact from a wide range of archaeological contexts with the aim of characterizing and comprehending environment, subsistence and the uses of urban space. As before, the value of systematic surface work prior to and in conjunction with conventional excavation has been well demonstrated. Four major regions of the mound were excavated: Areas HN, HS, HF and HL. In Area HN, levels dated to the first half of the 2nd millennium were excavated with the aim of exploring the nature of settlement at Brak in the centuries following the collapse of Akkadian rule in the region. In this area was found evidence (a vertebra) of humped Zebu cattle, possibly the earliest attested in the Near East. In Area HS, an excellent collection of incised and excised Ninevite 5 pottery and an important assemblage of over 200 sealings with cylinder seal impressions was recovered. In Area HF, one of the most important finds was a possible numerical tablet or reckoner of late Uruk date. Work was begun in a new area, HL, where occupation ranges from Middle Uruk to Akkadian. Finds included fine examples of late Ninevite 5 pottery and classic Ninevite 5 sealings. In Summer 1994 Dr Matthews also completed a second season as Field Director of the renewed programme of fieldwork at Çatal Höyük in Turkey. In addition to preparing excavation reports and various articles, Dr Matthews has also completed the text of his *Early Prehistory of Mesopotamia, 500,000 to 4,500 B.C.* and is working on the third fascicule of *Lost Heritage*.

The Secretary-Librarian, Miss Helen McDonald, has continued her valuable work on the School's Nimrud collections (now held by the British Museum) as well as participating in the Tell Brak excavations in Spring 1995, assisting with Brak reports and dealing with the despatch of some of the School's publications.

As from July 1994, the School has ceased to employ an Assistant Secretary (Publications) as the handling of sales and publicity for School publications (except *Iraq* and *Iraq Archaeological Reports*) has been transferred to Oxbow Books.

Grants awarded for the 1994/95 session included: Mrs Bronwen Campbell to study neolithic stone bowls in Syria, especially those from Bouqras; Dr Andrew George and Dr Farouk Al-Rawi to publish texts from Sippar; Dr Julian Henderson to excavate the 'glass tell' at Raqqa in Syria and to make a ground survey of other tells in the area; Mr Andrew Jamieson to make a study Neo-Assyrian pottery from Til Barsip; Mr Aidan O'Lynn to visit sites and museums in Syria. Grants to assist with specific elements of

pre-publication costs were also made to Dr Erica Hunter (catalogue of incantation bowls in the Iraq Museum); Dr Donald Matthews (catalogue of Early Bronze Age glyptic from Tell Brak); Dr Joan Oates and Professor Nicholas Postgate (to fund pre-publication assistance on the Brak final reports and *Abu Salabikh Excavations 5*, respectively).

Support was again given to the London-Bahrain Archaeological Expedition's excavations at Saar where the sixth season ran from 11th February to 5th May 1995. Work concentrated on houses in the central part of the site and in linking previously excavated areas. A geophysical survey established the limits of the settlement, now thought to be 2.25 hectares in size. A stone-lined well was excavated containing part of the collapsed wooden superstructure. Finds included a composite bone and copper tool, seals and sealings and a double-sided token.

The attached accounts reflect the maintenance of the level of the School's activities during the financial year. Although the British Academy continued its support at the reduced level of the previous year, a fall in grants received has resulted in deficits in both the Working Fund and the Special Publications & Excavations Fund. As agreed with the British Academy, these deficits have been taken to the Special Reserve for Publications established three years ago. Expenditure continues to be tightly controlled and, despite a fall in investment yields, the management of the School's assets continues to produce a satisfactory return.

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BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1995

	1994	1995	1994	1995
8,200	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,200
3,582	3,582	3,582	3,324	3,324
		386	2,552	2,723
3,968	3,968	(250)	121,635	116,958
3,582	3,582	3,718	64,451	58,130
2,769	2,769	378	200,162	189,335
2,769	2,769	(580)	4,981	5,676
111,577	111,577	2,567	3,020	2,245
65,108	65,108	111,577	25,061	3,309
3,104	3,104	65,108	4	
26,740	26,740	6,300		
12,148	12,148	3,095		
<u>£233,228</u>	<u>£233,228</u>	<u>£200,565</u>	<u>£233,228</u>	<u>£200,565</u>

London, 11th September 1995

D. OATES *Chairman*
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**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)
WORKING FUND**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AT 31 MARCH 1995

1994		1995	1994		1995
	LONDON EXPENDITURE		16,603	Subscriptions	14,483
12,706	Journal	12,201			
<u>23,644</u>	Office	<u>16,868</u>	147	Sales of Journal	556
36,350		29,069			
	BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE		60,000	British Academy Grant	60,000
39,364	Staff	39,840	3,506	Gertrude Bell Trust	-
5,997	Rent	6,000			
-	House and School	1,419	155	Various Donations	360
8,484	Fellowships and visiting scholars	5,602			
<u>44</u>	Library	<u>-</u>	14,929	Dividends	17,050
53,889		52,861			
6,602	Preparation of Publications	9,698	1,143	Interest	437
-	Transfer to reserve for renewal of vehicles	97	2,237	DEFICIT FOR YEAR (transferred from Reserve for Publications)	489
<u>1,879</u>	Loss on Investments	<u>1,650</u>			
<u>£98,720</u>		<u>£93,375</u>	<u>£98,720</u>		<u>£93,275</u>

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AT 31 MARCH 1995

1994		1995	1994		1995
	EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE			GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS	
22,000	Tell Brak	25,000	5,000	Tell Brak: McDonald Institute, Cambridge	-
<u>2,500</u>	Saar	<u>4,000</u>			
24,500		29,000		GRANTS FOR PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS	
			5,161	Museum of Fine Arts, San Francisco	-
10,288	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS	1,972	6,782	Sales	4,266
-	LOSS OF INVESTMENTS	1,044	6,822	Investment Income	7,799
		-		DEFICIT FOR YEAR (transferred from Reserve for Publications)	19,951
			<u>11,023</u>		
<u>£34,788</u>		<u>£32,016</u>	<u>£34,788</u>		<u>£32,016</u>

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)**

INVESTMENTS 31ST MARCH 1995

£	Endowment Fund	Cost	Market Value
8,149	Income shares in Charities Official Investment Fund	<u>£8,200</u>	<u>£52,110</u>
		1994	<u>£8,200</u>
			<u>£52,793</u>
	Bonham Carter Lecture Fund		
3,000	Treasury 12¼ % Stock, 1995	<u>£3,324</u>	<u>£3,112</u>
		1994	<u>£3,324</u>
			<u>£3,314</u>
	Mallowan Fund		
2,500	Treasury 9½ % Stock, 1999	<u>£2,723</u>	<u>£2,598</u>
		1994	<u>£2,552</u>
			<u>£2,564</u>
	Special Publications and Excavations Fund		
21,000	Treasury 12¼ % Stock 1995	23,267	21,787
35,000	Treasury 7½ % Stock 1998	<u>34,863</u>	<u>34,223</u>
		58,130	<u>56,010</u>
		1994	<u>£64,451</u>
			<u>£66,734</u>
	Working Fund		
20,000	Exchequer 13¼ % 1996	23,686	21,312
30,000	Exchequer 13¼ % 1996	36,160	31,968
30,000	Treasury 7¼ % Stock 1998	29,883	29,334
25,000	Treasury 9½ % Stock 1999	<u>27,229</u>	<u>25,984</u>
		<u>£116,958</u>	<u>£108,598</u>
		1994	<u>£121,635</u>
			<u>£118,155</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. 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 at 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.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The School has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from producing a cash flow statement.

2. STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The School's constitution requires the Council of Management to prepare a Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for each financial year.

In preparing these accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles the Council should:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the School will continue in business.

The Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the School. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the School and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 10 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on this page.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL AND AUDITORS

As described in note 2 to the accounts, the Council is responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the School's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Where we have been unable to obtain independent confirmation of the completeness of the transactions in Iraq, and of subscriptions and publication sales, we have accepted assurance from the Chairman and Treasurer that all transactions have been reflected in the records.

QUALIFIED OPINION ARISING FROM LIMITATION IN AUDIT SCOPE

Except for any adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had we obtained independent confirmation of the above items, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the School's affairs at 31st March 1995 and of its deficit for the year then ended.

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