

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ

(Gertrude Bell Memorial)

31-34 GORDON SQUARE, LONDON, WC1H 0PY



Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31st May, 1977



THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE **BRITISH ACADEMY**, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.1, ON **TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1978**, AT **5 p.m.**, TO HEAR THE DIRECTOR, 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.

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 deaths of Sir Michael Wright, K.C.M.G., Dr. Neville Williams, and Miss T. M. I. Newbould. Sir Michael Wright was H.B.M. Ambassador at Baghdad and Vice-President of the School from 1954-58, and a valuable friend to the School. Dr. Neville Williams, as Secretary of the British Academy and a member of Council from 1973-77, took an untiring and sympathetic interest in the School's affairs. Theodora Newbould will be remembered by all who visited Baghdad for her energetic and kindly hospitality during her period as Secretary/Accountant from 1969-74.

During the year Mr. J. A. N. Graham, C.M.G., H.B.M. Ambassador at Baghdad from 1975-77, relinquished the Vice-Presidency of the School. The Council expresses its gratitude to Mr. Graham for his generous assistance to our expedition in Iraq during his term of office, and welcomes his successor, Mr. A. J. D. Stirling, C.M.G., as Vice-President. There have been two changes in the membership of the Council. Sir John Pope-Hennessy resigned on his retirement as Director of British Museum, and Sir Derek Riches, K.C.M.G., has been nominated by the Royal Society for Asian Affairs (formerly the Royal Central Asian Society) in place of Brigadier S. H. Longrigg, O.B.E., D.Litt., who has been a valued member and adviser of the School for more than forty years.

Changes have also taken place in our London secretariat. After more than fifteen years of loyal and untiring service as Honorary Secretary, Miss G. C. Talbot has retired from that office, although she will continue to look after an increasingly important aspect of the School's work in the demanding capacity of Assistant Secretary (publications). The School is glad to have the opportunity to express its gratitude for all her work on its behalf. From June 1976 Mrs. N. Shaw Reade has taken up the position of Assistant Secretary. J. D. Hawkins as Honorary Secretary of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq will co-ordinate the work of Miss Talbot and Mrs. Reade, and these new administrative arrangements should ensure the steady progress of the School in its varied activities.

From 26 July - 29 November 1976 the School jointly with the Institute of Archaeology sponsored an exhibition of photographs prepared by the Department of Archaeology of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne relating to the work of Gertrude Bell.

Our work in Iraq proceeds as before on an even keel, the only adverse event of last year being the need to move house at rather short notice, from Karradet Mariam to Mansour, 2/21/4: we hope this will be our last displacement for a while. In September - December 1976 the Director undertook a second season of excavations at Abu Salabikh. The results have amplified those of the previous season,

ground plans have been expanded in the two main areas, and another 50 graves were excavated and recorded, including one with well over 100 pottery bowls, comparable to Grave 1 of 1975, but of the Early Dynastic II phase. In both areas soundings have been made into the earlier levels, and we are well on the way to establishing a detailed pottery sequence for the site as a whole. The preliminary report on this season appears in *Iraq* 39 (1977), Part II. We are pleased to report that permission has been received for a third season this autumn, during which work will concentrate on the study of the pottery and other finds and the preparation of the graves for final publication; tentative moves will also be made towards clearance of the surface of the mounds.

Miss Kathleen Beatty completed her work on seal impressions on tablets of the Ur III period from Ur. As guests during the year in Baghdad we were glad to welcome Dr. R. G. Sweet of Toronto, visiting sites and collating Old Babylonian legal documents, Professor O. R. Gurney, who lectured to an audience at the kind invitation of the British Council, and also visited ancient sites in the south, and Mr. C. B. F. Walker, of the British Museum, who was participating in the Isin excavations directed by Professor B. Hrouda and Dr. E. Strommenger. Miss J. A. Moon (Grantee), after assisting at the Abu Salabikh excavations, stayed on to make a study of the pottery from this and other Early Dynastic sites, with particular reference to the upright-handled jars and "stemmed dishes", while Mrs. Postgate completed drawings of the seal impressions from Abu Salabikh, 1975. The Director finished hand-copies of the tablets from the same season, which will be published in *Iraq* jointly with Professor R. D. Biggs. During this year his book *Fifty Neo-Assyrian Legal Documents* and his edition of tablets from Tell al-Wilayah (in *Sumer* Vol. 32) were published. The Director also spoke at the British Council and in the Museum at the invitation of the Directorate General, on his recent excavations at Abu Salabikh.

In May we received an invitation from the Directorate to participate in rescue excavations at the site of a dam being constructed on the Diyala at the Jebel Hamrin, and we are pleased to report that with the help of the British Academy and other generous contributors, it should prove possible for us to start work there early in 1978.

In conclusion, we wish to express our gratitude to the Directorate General of Antiquities in Iraq for their friendly co-operation, in particular to Dr. Isa Salman and to his successor, Dr. Mu'ayyad Damerji, to whom we extend our very best wishes in his new appointment.

On behalf of the Council:

D. J. WISEMAN,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

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Director.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MAY, 1977

	1976		1977	
	£	£ P	£	£ P
ENDOWMENT FUND				
Balance at 1st June, 1976	8,200	8,200.00		
WORKING FUND:				
Balance at 1st June, 1976		29,951.18		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	29,951	5,121.33		
6,409		35,072.51		
SUNDRY CREDITORS		8,015.24		
ACCUMULATED RESERVE FOR RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES	4,780	5,729.98		
"SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM" FUND, as at 1st June, 1976	1,225	1,225.00		
Less Fellowship Grant		500.00		
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND:		725.00		
As at 1st June, 1976	1,081	1,081.18		
Add Investment Income		120.00		
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND:		1,201.1£		
Balance at 1st June, 1976		7,141.66		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	7,141	3,863.83		
£58,737		£69,947.40		
D. J. WISEMAN, <i>Chairman</i>				
DAVID CLARKE, <i>Hon. Treasurer</i>				
£58,737		£69,947.40		
			ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT (at cost):	
			8,149 Income Shares in Charities Official Investment Fund	8,200.00
			Market Value	
			BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND INVESTMENT (at cost):	
			£1,000 - 12% Treasury Stock, 1983	1,031.04
			Market Value £1,005,197/6—£1,000,000...	
			WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS FUND INVESTMENTS (at cost):	
			Market Value £22,706, 1976—£18,081	23,412.80
			Less Reserve for Depreciation of Investments	32,643.84
			(5,914.32)	
			26,729.52	
			797.23	
			5,129.24	
			16,283.21	
			20,000.00	
			CASH IN HAND:	
			London	12.00
			Baghdad	996.20
			1,253	
			£58,737	£69,947.40

In our opinion, the Balance Sheet set out above and the two accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the School's affairs at 31st May, 1977, and of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

LONDON

15th December, 1977

DEARDEN FARROW,

Chartered Accountants

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1977

WORKING FUND

	1976		1977	
	£	£ P	£	£ P
LONDON EXPENDITURE:				
Printing Journal (including back numbers £4,257)	6,694	10,807.62		
Salaries and Office Expenses	2,239	3,944.71		
BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE:				
Director's Salary and Supercannation	5,067	5,977.67		
Staff Salary, Allowance and Expenses	613	2,253.00		
Library Expenditure	1,689	620.03		
Fellowships and Visiting Scholars	1,984	3,443.00		
Rent of School Building and House	5,362	5,667.00		
House and School Expenses	1,396	6,398.58		
Travel and Car	582	2,679.52		
Entertainment	1,700	419.00		
Pensions/Gratuities (Local Staff)		600.00		
AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES		28,037.60		
TRIPLET SPECIAL FUND		1,000.00		
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR...	6,790	5,121.33		
£44,828		£56,911.26		
			SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SCHOOL AND JOURNAL	
			OUTSIDE SALES OF JOURNAL	2,902.61
			INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE UNDER COVENANTS	7,018.37
			17	184.44
			679	624.83
			(575)	251.84
			33,750	42,625.00
			BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT:	
			On Investments	2,149.03
			Bank Deposit	1,658.82
			1,749	3,807.85
			£44,828	£56,911.26

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

	1976 £		1976 £		
EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE:		£ P	£ P	TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND	£ P
Abu Salabikh	22,235	16,300.22	18,303.22	DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR	8,000.00
Sundries (including cost of guards)	8,667	2,003.00	—	EXCAVATIONS:	
PRINTING:			—	British Academy—Brak	2,500.00
FOR Tickets from Tell Al Rimah			3,863.83	British Academy—Abu Salabikh	2,500.00
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR			—	National Geographical Society—Abu Salabikh	2,849.10
				British Museum—Abu Salabikh	2,000.00
				Royal Ontario Museum—Abu Salabikh	857.78
				Cambridge University—Abu Salabikh	400.00
				Basrah Petroleum Company—Abu Salabikh	100.00
				Victoria University, Manchester—Abu Salabikh	100.00
				Birmingham University—Abu Salabikh	100.00
				SALES AND ROYALTIES	11,406.88
				EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER	2,760.17
				INCOME FOR THE YEAR	—
					£22,167.05
					£30,902

FORM OF BEQUEST

I bequeath unto the Honorary Treasurer of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq (Gertrude Bell Memorial) the sum of free of duty, to be applied towards carrying out the objects of the School. Orders to: The British School of Archaeology in Iraq, 31-34 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PY.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

We have been informed by the British Inland Revenue authorities that the British School of Archaeology in Iraq has been approved for the purposes of Section 192 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (formerly Section 16 Finance Act 1958) and that the whole of the annual subscription paid by a Member of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq who qualifies for relief under that Section will be allowable as a deduction from his emoluments assessable to Income Tax under Schedule E. Their letter states:

"With effect from the year commencing 6th April 1976 a Member who is assessable to Income Tax under Schedule E in respect of the emoluments of an office or employment is entitled to a deduction from those emoluments of the whole of the annual subscription which is due and payable by him to the body in the Income Tax year, provided that

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Recent Publications

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120 pp. + 111 plates, 14 line drawings (1974). £10.50.

The Journal *IRAQ* Vol. XXXVI (1974) £9. In honour of

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CUNEIFORM TEXTS FROM NIMRUD

I: THE NIMRUD WINE LISTS

by J. V. Kinnier Wilson

167 pp., 54 pls. (1972). £5.00.

II: THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE ARCHIVE

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283 pp., 98 pls. (1973). £8.00

THE OLD BABYLONIAN TABLETS FROM TELL AL RIMAH

by Stephanie Dalley, C. B. F. Walker and J. D. Hawkins

272 pp., 112 pls. (1976). £16.00 (\$35.00).

TRADE IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST. Papers of the XXIII rd. Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Birmingham 1976 (reprinted from *Iraq* XXXIX (1977)).

231 pp. £10 (\$20.00)