

THE
BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
(Gertrude Bell Memorial)

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE
1934

THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY, BURLINGTON HOUSE, ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 1934, AT 5 O'CLOCK, TO CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTS, BALANCE SHEET AND REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL AND 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

for the year ended 30th June, 1934

1. The Council records with deep regret the death of Sir Henry Dobbs, G.B.E., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., K.C.I.E. Sir Henry filled with great ability and distinction the position of High Commissioner and Consul-General for Iraq during the years 1923 to 1929. He was a member of the General Committee which organised the appeal for funds to establish the School, and upon the establishment of the School he was appointed one of its Vice-Presidents.

ARPACHIYAH EXPEDITION

2. The last annual report referred to difficulties with the Government of Iraq regarding the export by Mr. Mallowan of his share of the objects found during the excavations at Arpachiyah in the winter of 1922-1923. After the Director of Antiquities, the officer named by the Antiquities Law to make the division, had made his award, retaining more than half the objects for the Baghdad Museum and allotting the balance to Mr. Mallowan, the Minister of Education intervened and refused to issue an export licence, on the ground that he was not satisfied with the division. This was in May 1933. Representations were made to the Government, and eventually the embargo was raised, Mr. Mallowan's share of the finds being received at the British Museum in January 1934.

3. During March and April 1934 there was a special exhibition of the objects from Arpachiyah in the Nineveh gallery of the British Museum, by permission of the Trustees. In addition to the interesting collection of antiquities, including painted pottery, stone bowls, jewellery, cult figurines and small objects of the chalcolithic period, maps, drawings and photographs of the excavations were on view, together with illustrations of the fine pieces retained by the Baghdad Museum. A selection of the objects allocated to the British Museum is now on permanent exhibition in the recently opened Babylonian room. Small collections of sherds and other objects have been distributed among provincial museums.

4. A fully illustrated report by Mr. Mallowan on the excavations at Arpachiyah will appear in the School's Journal *Iraq* next April.

5. The Committee approved a grant to Mr. Mallowan to continue work in Iraq during the winter of 1933-1934, subject to satisfactory assurances being received from the Iraqi Government that reasonable conditions would be allowed to excavators. Such

assurances, limited to one year, were eventually received, but they arrived too late to enable Mr. Mallowan to make the necessary financial and other arrangements for an expedition.

SIR AUREL STEIN'S EXPEDITION TO SOUTHERN PERSIA

6. An expedition to Iraq being impossible, the Committee made a grant of £500 to Sir Aurel Stein, K.C.I.E., towards the cost of his third tour of archaeological exploration in Southern Persia, which lasted from November 1933 to May 1934. This journey, undertaken like his preceding tours with the ready permission and effective support of the Persian Government, extended over most of the great province of Fars, the ancient *Persis*. The chief aim, as on the previous expeditions through Persian Baluchistan, Kerman and along the coast of the Persian Gulf, was to trace and survey such prehistoric remains as might help to throw light on the relation between the chalcolithic civilizations of approximately the fourth and third millennia B.C. (revealed by recent discoveries in the Indus valley and British Baluchistan) and the earliest known cultures of Elam and Mesopotamia.

In the course of his tour, covering aggregate marching distances of close on 1,300 miles, Sir Aurel succeeded in discovering and surveying sites of prehistoric occupation, some of considerable extent, at more than two dozen points. Trial excavations carried out at fifteen of these mounds yielded much interesting painted pottery, stone implements and other relics, mainly of a chalcolithic civilization unmistakably linked with that known from the earliest strata of certain systematically explored sites in Mesopotamia and from others traced in Baluchistan and south-western Iran.

In addition to these remains, a careful examination was made, in a dozen different localities, of ruined structures, rock carvings and burial places dating from Parthian, Sassanian and early Mohammedan times. Trial excavations at several of these were rewarded by interesting ceramic and other finds. An exact topographical survey by plane table was made along all the routes followed. Special attention was paid to geographical features influencing the economic conditions prevailing in this region since prehistoric times and the ethnic developments during later periods.

7. A grant of £100 was made to the British Museum towards the cost of Dr. Woolley's last expedition to Ur. His report on the work has been published in the *Antiquaries' Journal* for October 1934, and is also obtainable separately at the British Museum.

8. Early this year Mr. Mallowan applied to the Director of Antiquities in Iraq for permission to continue his excavations at Arpachiyah and to undertake exploratory work on another site. In reply he was informed that the Government proposed passing a new Antiquities Law, which would come into force during the coming season. In the opinion of Mr. Mallowan and of the Executive Committee the proposed provisions of the new law were not acceptable, and Mr. Mallowan therefore abandoned his intention of excavating in Iraq during the present winter. He has instead taken an expedition to Northern Syria. Representations have been made to the Iraqi Government that the proposed changes in the Antiquities Law should be abandoned or drastically altered.

MR. MALLOWAN'S EXPEDITION TO NORTHERN SYRIA

9. This expedition is under the auspices of the British Museum and of the School, which will contribute £500 to the cost. With the permission of the Syrian Government the expedition is making an archaeological survey of the east bank of the river Khabur down to its junction with the Euphrates. A careful examination is being made of the northern mounds between the Khabur and the wadi Jaghjagha. On the results of the preliminary survey, which is to be completed by Christmas, the expedition will select one mound to be excavated on as large a scale as possible early in 1935.

The preliminary survey should yield information concerning the occupation of this area from prehistoric times down to the Mohammedan period. It is hoped to find a mound containing prehistoric, Hittite and Assyrian remains. The discovery of prehistoric material may throw further light on the researches at Arpachiyah, and it is confidently expected that the region will provide connexions between Syria, and Assyria and Babylonia, supplementing the important discoveries made at Ur, Nineveh and elsewhere. There is also hope of finding contacts between Hittites and Assyrians and of elucidating periods familiar to readers of the Old Testament.

The finds will be divided in accordance with the Syrian Antiquities Law, and the share allocated to the expedition will be sent to the British Museum. The personnel consists of Mr. M. E. L. Mallowan, M.A., F.S.A., Director; Mr. R. H. Macartney, Architect; and Mrs. Mallowan is assisting in the photography.

THE JOURNAL

10. The first number of the School's journal, *Iraq*, appeared in May, the second part in November. This new periodical is intended

to fill a gap long felt by archaeologists. It supplies a means of publishing studies of the antiquities, social life, etc., of Iraq and the immediately neighbouring territories, throughout their history. Distinguished scholars at home and abroad have shown their appreciation of the new journal by contributing papers. Dr. Campbell Thompson has described the architectural history of Nineveh; Professor Langdon and Mr. Harden have reported on the finds of the Parthian and Sassanian periods at Kish; Dr. Andrae, the head of the Near Eastern department in the State Museums at Berlin, and Dr. Jordan, the Director of Antiquities in Iraq, have described plans of two well-known sites in Babylonia; Professor Furlani of Florence, the director of important excavations in Assyria, has discussed certain Parthian designs. A study of Babylonian religion by Mrs. van Buren runs parallel to an attempt by Professor Frankfort, the head of a great American expedition, to determine the religious significance of the scenes on cylinder seals. Dr. Woolley publishes for the first time an account of the important prehistoric painted pottery found at Carchemish, Mr. Edmonds records a new discovery of his own—a rock carving in Kurdistan, and Mr. Creswell suggests a correction in the published plans of Mansur's long forgotten mosque at Baghdad. Mrs. Drower supplies an interesting account of some little-known Mandaean manuscripts of more recent date. The articles are illustrated by collotype, half-tone and figures. Thanks are due to the Oxford University Press for its careful co-operation. The next number, which is to appear in April 1935, will contain an exceptionally large number of plates and illustrations, Mr. Mallowan having generously arranged for a subsidy to this publication of his report on Arpachiyah. That the journal is supplying a real need is certain. While a considerable time must be allowed for an archaeological journal to become known and its circulation established, the number of subscribers has hitherto been somewhat disappointing. Members of the School can be of great assistance by bringing it to the notice of possible subscribers.

11. Mr. Mallowan represented the School at the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Societies held in London during the summer.

FELLOWSHIP

12. It is proposed to offer next year a fellowship of a value not exceeding £175, for one year, to assist research or study—in Iraq, Persia, Eastern Turkey, Syria, Arabia or Trans-Jordan—considered by the Committee of Selection to be deserving of encouragement and falling within one of the following descriptions:

- (a) Excavation
- (b) Survey or examination of archaeological sites
- (c) Recording of extant monuments
- (d) Work in a museum for a catalogue or a thesis.

The period of the grant may be extended. The Fellowship may be held concurrently with emoluments derived from funds administered by other bodies. Further particulars are obtainable from the Honorary Secretary.

ACCOUNTS

13. The accounts for the year are annexed. The General Fund shows a total income of £856. 8. 1, made up of subscriptions and donations £119. 16. 0, interest from the Gertrude Bell and Sir Hugh Bell bequests £311. 19. 0, and from the Endowment Fund and General Fund investments £424. 13. 1. The expenditure totalled £806. 4. 9, leaving a surplus of £50. 4. 4. Miscellaneous expenses (including cost of administration, postage, printing of annual report, etc.) came to £35. 10. 5 only.

A separate account is shown of the Journal Fund. The amount of subscriptions and donations (£73. 10. 0) credited to this Fund is, however, less than is morally due to it, since in the case of subscribers to the School, who receive the Journal at the reduced rate of 10/- a year, only that sum is credited in the account to the Journal. The Committee desires to express the grateful thanks of the School to the British Academy for a further grant of £25 to the Journal; and to the Royal Central Asian Society for their annual grant of £10.

The thanks of the School are also due to Mr. Harold Lakeman, F.C.A., for gratuitously auditing the accounts.

14. The Committee appeals for additional subscriptions and donations to enable the School to continue its work and extend its activities. Forms for subscriptions, donations, and bequests are attached.

By order of the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Council

E. BONHAM-CARTER, *Chairman*

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November 1934

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			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance, being surplus of income over expenditure	145	7	0		By donations	145	7	0
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GENERAL FUND																	
To grants:—									By subscriptions and donations				119	16	0
to British Museum, for Ur Fund	100	0	0			„ income received from Trustees of British Museum, arising from Gertrude Bell and Hugh Bell bequests				311	19	0
to Sir Aurel Stein for exploration in S. Persia	..			500	0	0			„ interest:—								
							600	0	0	„ on investments (gross)	..	421	11	5			
„ miscellaneous expenses	..	..	..	..	35	10	5		„ on bank deposits	..	..	3	1	8			
„ transfer to Journal Fund	..	..	..	..	170	13	4								424	13	1
„ balance, being surplus of income over expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	50	4	4									
								£856							£856		8 1
JOURNAL FUND																	
To printing	235	6	0		By subscriptions and donations				73	10	0
„ miscellaneous expenses	8	17	4		„ transfer from General Fund				170	13	4
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

	Book Value		Market Value	
	30th June 1934		30th June 1934	
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ENDOWMENT FUND				
£3,750 5% Conversion Stock 1944-64 ..	3,796	19 3	4,420	6 3
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