

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

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE

1935

THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY, BURLINGTON HOUSE, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 1935, 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, 1935

1. The Council records with deep regret the death of Mr. Allen Leeper, C.B.E. Mr. Leeper was a member of the committee which organized the appeal for funds, and upon the establishment of the School was appointed on its Executive Committee. Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, K.C.M.G., the new British Ambassador in Baghdad, has accepted the office of Vice-President. Admiral Sir William Goodenough, G.C.B., M.V.O., has been appointed by the Royal Geographical Society, and Mr. J. M. Wilson, A.R.I.B.A., by the Royal Central Asian Society, to represent them on the Council in succession to Mr. Bertram Thomas and Sir Francis Fremantle respectively. The Board of Studies in Archaeology of London University, which at the last general meeting was given the right to nominate a member of the Council, has nominated Mr. S. R. K. Glanville, F.S.A. Dr. R. Levy was elected a member of the Council at the same meeting, and Miss Joan Evans and Mr. M. E. L. Mallowan, F.S.A., have since been co-opted.

2. Dr. Campbell Thompson and Sir Leonard Woolley have been appointed the School's representatives on the Archaeological Joint Committee set up in 1918 by the British Academy to advise on proposals for archaeological work in the Near and Middle East.

THE IRAQI LAW OF ANTIQUITIES

3. The change in the Law foreshadowed by the Government of Iraq, as announced in the Council's last report, has not yet materialized, but in view of the doubt still existing as to the conditions on which archaeological excavations will be

permitted it is not thought advisable to promote any expedition to Iraq at present.

MR. MALLOWAN'S EXPEDITION TO NORTHERN SYRIA

4. An Expedition left England in October, under the auspices of the British Museum and of the School, to make an archaeological survey of the Habur region of Northern Syria. The Director, Mr. M. E. L. Mallowan, was assisted by Mr. R. H. Macartney as architect and by Mrs. Mallowan. Mr. R. D. Barnett, of the British Museum, joined the party later.

5. The route followed the rivers Habur and Jaghjagha, and a careful examination was made of the triangle bounded by these rivers and the Baghdad railway. The Expedition also made a journey across the infertile steppe lying between Ras al Ain and Tall Abiadh. The distance covered was over 1,000 miles and more than sixty mounds were examined.

6. The mounds south of Hasaka, along the lower Habur, are principally composed of Assyrian, Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine remains. The upper Habur is remarkable for the traces of prehistoric peoples, which are especially numerous in the direction of the Turkish foothills. In the chalcolithic period, probably as early as 4000 B.C., there appears to have been a route running from Anatolia across North Syria via the Jabal Sinjar and Nineveh.

7. On completion of the survey excavations were carried on for two months at Tall Chagar Bazar, a mound lying 30 miles south-west of Nisibin. Its height above the level of the plain is just over 20 metres, and fifteen cities were found superimposed over one another. The earliest was probably built not later than 4000 B.C. Of the total accumulation more than a third belongs to the prehistoric periods characterized by the finely painted pottery known as Tall Halaf ware, the best examples of which were discovered by Mr. Mallowan's previous expedition to

Arpachiyah, near Nineveh. The site appears to have been abandoned in about 1400 B.C. and to have suffered severe damage a little earlier, presumably as a result of the wars in which the Hittites, the military dynasty of the Mitanni and the rising power of the Assyrians were engaged.

8. In the top or latest building level were found houses Babylonian in type, with open courtyards and steps leading to the roofs. Under the floors were discovered corbel-vaulted mud-brick graves containing painted pottery of a rare type, apparently contemporary with Hurrian material from Assyria and Kassite material from Babylonia.

9. Seven metres below the surface, at the fifth level, was revealed a cemetery containing copper and silver objects of the Sargonid period (*circa* 2700 B.C.), similar to material found in the royal cemetery of Ur; and the presence of finely incised black and grey burnished pottery, with empanelled decoration, indicates that the site was in close touch with Assyria at the time.

10. On virgin soil, sixteen metres below the surface, associated with the coarse painted ware of Samarra and the first beginnings of the Tall Halaf period, were found the black and grey incised and burnished wares of Sakje Geuze, indicating the influence of Mediterranean man in the earliest stage of occupation yet discovered on the Habur.

11. A representative share of all the objects discovered is now in the British Museum. Perhaps the most remarkable are a set of prehistoric painted figurines of the "Mother Goddess," in baked and in sun-dried clay. The goddesses are seated upon stools and are wearing turbans and trousers, a dress exactly resembling that of the Kurdish women living in the neighbourhood to-day. Another interesting object is a cylinder seal, the first of the Tall Halaf period ever found. It is engraved with bird-headed figures which are apparently engaged in a ritual dance.

THE JOURNAL

12. The earlier of the two numbers of *Iraq* published during the year contained reports by Professor Langdon and Mr. Harden on the 1933 excavations at Kish and Barghuthiat; an inquiry by Professor Frankfort into the religious significance of the scenes on cylinder seals; a first record by Mr. R. W. Hutchinson of the Late Bronze Age daggers of Assyria; accounts by Mrs. Drower of some little-known Mandaean manuscripts, and by Mr. C. J. Edmonds of a rock carving discovered by him in Kurdistan.

13. The other number (part 1 of Volume II) was devoted entirely to a description by Mr. Mallowan of his excavations (largely financed by the School) at Arpachiyah, near Nineveh, during the winter of 1932-3. The expedition added much that was new to our knowledge of prehistoric Mesopotamia. The outstanding finds were of polychrome pottery, of great beauty, assigned at a conservative estimate to the earlier part of the fifth millennium B.C. The School is indebted to Mr. Mallowan for a generous subsidy to the cost of this issue of the Journal, which contains a large number of coloured illustrations, photographs and line drawings.

14. The second part, now in the press, of the second volume of *Iraq* contains articles by Mr. R. D. Barnett on the British Museum's magnificent collection of Nimrud ivories; by Mr. G. E. Kirk on the Hellenistic building discovered at Babylon in 1904; and by Mr. R. W. Hutchinson on Uruk and Yortan.

15. Dr. Campbell Thompson, Fellow of Merton College and a distinguished authority on Mesopotamian archaeology, has been appointed Editor in succession to Mr. Sidney Smith, for whose able inauguration of the Journal the School is under a deep debt of gratitude.

FELLOWSHIP

16. Mr. P. L. O. Guy, a former Chief Inspector of Antiquities in Palestine, who took part in the excavations at Carchemish

and El Amarna and was Field Director of the Megiddo Expedition from 1927 to 1935, has been appointed a Fellow of the School for the current year. He will survey and report on a dolmen field in Transjordan and hopes to excavate several representative structures there.

UR FUND

17. A grant of £150 is being made to the British Museum as a contribution to the cost of preparing and publishing its report on the Ur excavations.

ACCOUNTS

18. The accounts for the year are annexed. The General Fund had a total income of £876, including £311 from interest on the Gertrude Bell and Hugh Bell bequests and £449 from interest and dividends on the School's own investments. The expenditure totalled £784 (including £38 on administration), leaving a surplus of £92.

19. A separate account is shown for the Journal. The receipts fell short of the outgoings by £245, this deficit being met by a transfer from the General Fund. The thanks of the School are again due to the British Academy and the Royal Central Asian Society for grants towards the cost of *Iraq*.

20. The School is once more indebted to Mr. Harold Lakeman for auditing the accounts without charge.

21. The Council appeals for additional donations and annual subscriptions (including subscriptions to "Iraq") to enable the School to continue and extend its work. Forms for subscription; donation and bequest will be found at pages 13-15.

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

E. BONHAM-CARTER, *Chairman*.

E. H. KEELING, *Honorary Secretary*.

31st October 1935.

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Forms for subscription will be found at pages 13 and 14.

BALANCE SHEET, 30th JUNE 1935

LIABILITIES

ENDOWMENT FUND

ASSETS

ENDOWMENT FUND													
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
As at 30th June 1934 ..	8,693	0	0				Cash at bank		9	12	1		
Add surplus of income over expenditure for the year to 30th June 1935, per attached Account ..		125	0	0	8,818	0	0	Investments, at cost ..	8,808	7	11		
							(market value at 30th June 1935, £9,990 5s. 11d.) ..				8,818	0	0
GENERAL FUND													
As at 30th June 1934 ..	1,728	9	10				Cash in hand		3	17	0		
Add surplus of income over expenditure for the year to 30th June 1935, per attached Account ..		92	7	2	1,820	17	0	Cash at bank		232	14	7	
							Cash on deposit with Post Office Savings Bank ..		558	7	8		
							Investments, at cost ..		1,025	17	9		
							(market value at 30th June 1935, £1,080 0s. 0d.) ..				1,820	17	0

(sd) E. BONHAM-CARTER, *Chairman.*
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I have examined the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts with the books and vouchers, and find them to be correct and in accordance therewith. I have also verified the cash at bank and the investments.

FARLEIGH HOUSE, 97-99 CHEAPSIDE, LONDON, E.C.2
13th August 1935

(sd.) HAROLD LAKEMAN
Chartered Accountant, *Hon. Auditor.*

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1935

ENDOWMENT FUND

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance, being surplus of income over expenditure	125	0	0	By donations	125	0	0			
	£125	0	0					£125	0	0

GENERAL FUND

To grant to British Museum for North Syrian Excavation Fund	500	0	0	By subscriptions and donations	115	9	10
„ miscellaneous expenses	38	12	7	„ income received from Trustees of British Museum, arising from Gertrude Bell and Hugh Bell bequests	311	18	10
„ transfer to Journal Fund	245	16	7	„ interest and dividends :—			
„ balance, being surplus of income over expenditure	92	7	2	on investments (gross) ..	433	1	8
				on bank deposits	16	6	0
					449	7	8
	£876	16	4		£876	16	4

JOURNAL FUND

To printing and distribution	623	9	3	By subscriptions, sales and donations :—			
„ miscellaneous expenses	7	6	1	general	184	18	9
				for Arpachiyah number	200	0	0
					384	18	9
				„ transfer from General Fund	245	16	7
	£630	15	4		£630	15	4

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, 30TH JUNE 1935

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	<i>Book Value</i>			<i>Market Value</i>		
ENDOWMENT FUND						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£3,750 5 % Conversion Stock 1944-64	3,796	19	3	4,575	0	0
£1,200 3½ % War Stock	1,249	16	2	1,275	0	0
£1,365 4s. 8d. India 4½ % Stock 1958-68	1,389	5	6	1,597	6	5
£1,000 Army & Navy Investment Trust Co. Ltd., 4 % Perpetual Registered Debenture Stock	995	2	6	1,055	0	0
£1,080 United States & South American Investment Trust Co. Ltd., Perpetual Second Debenture Stock	1,115	17	6	1,128	12	0
£250 Third Guardian Trust Ltd., 4 % Redeemable Deben- ture Stock, 1963-73	261	7	0	256	5	0
100 £1 5 % First Preference Shares, Thomas W. Ward, Ltd.				103	2	6
	£8,808	7	11	£9,990	5	11
GENERAL FUND						
£500 Central Electricity Board, 4½ % Stock 1957-82	520	14	6	567	10	0
£500 Metropolitan Trust Co. Ltd., 4 % Debenture Stock	505	3	3	512	10	0
	£1,025	17	9	£1,080	0	0

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(For terms of Membership, etc., see page 9)

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