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20 WILTON STREET, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON, S.W.1



REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1950



THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AT CHATHAM HOUSE (10 ST. JAMES'S SQUARE) ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1950, AT 5.30 o'clock, 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.

Tea will be served at 5.

AFTER THE MEETING THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL report with very great regret that Sir Edgar Bonham-Carter has relinquished the chairmanship of the Executive Committee. It would be impossible to overstate his services to the School. He was the moving spirit in its foundation, its wise Chairman during the first eighteen years of its existence, and a tireless collector of funds. Mainly through his efforts the School at last obtained an annual grant from Parliament which enabled it to establish itself in Baghdad. We are glad to say that Sir Edgar remains a member of the Executive Committee. Sir Robert Brooke-Popham has been elected Chairman.

Professor Mallowan spent the first five months of 1950 in Iraq, and from March to the beginning of May continued the excavation of Nimrud. The preliminary account of the work was published in *The Illustrated London News* of July 22nd and 29th. A great variety of historical and artistic material was unearthed: monumental stone sculpture; a rich hoard of small objects which include gold and silver jewellery and plaques; bronze and iron weapons; a number of large inscribed stone tablets; an archive composed of Assyrian commercial documents, letters and historical texts; a fine series of palace pottery; and a splendid set of carved ivories which decorated Assyrian furniture and caskets in the eighth century B.C. One of these pieces, an ivory bull in three-quarter relief, about nine inches long, is probably the largest ivory figure yet recovered from the ancient Near East. Many of the ivories are beautifully carved with floral designs. This collection is a notable addition to the celebrated ivories which Sir Henry Layard brought to England from the same site 100 years ago. Of the small finds, one of the most remarkable is a translucent quartz seal pendant engraved with a scene depicting two musicians, one of whom is playing the plectrum and the other blowing a pipe—a winged eagle and sun-disk above them. This seal is set in a heavy ring composed of thick strands of twisted gold wire and suspended by a heavy gold loop, ogival in form. Pendant and ring are attached at

one end to a golden chain and at the other to a heavy bronze safety pin.

Some of the best finds came from a hitherto undiscovered wing of the North-west Palace of King Ashur Nasir Pal, and it is certain that much more remains to be found there and in other numerous buildings on the mound. Many years of profitable work at Nimrud lie ahead.

Professor Mallowan partly re-excavated some of the monumental doorways previously discovered by Layard, so that to-day a number of gigantic and often splendidly carved stone monuments of man-headed bulls and lionesses may be seen *in situ* exactly as they were placed by the Assyrian king's architects.

The School is indebted to Mr. Allen Lane, Director of Penguin Books, for a donation of 250 guineas to the cost of the excavations; also to the Griffith Institute and the Ashmolean Museum for other financial support.

The School provided accommodation in Baghdad for seven scholars from the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London. Mr. D. J. Wiseman, O.B.E., of the Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities Department of the British Museum, was also in residence.

The School's Library is now installed in Baghdad.

The accounts are annexed. The School again acknowledges gratefully a vote of £4,000 from the House of Commons.

On behalf of the Council,

R. BROOKE-POPHAM,

Chairman, Executive Committee

E. H. KEELING,

Hon Secretary.

October, 1950.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1950

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.
As at 31 December, 1947	...	...	...
WORKING FUND			
As at 31st May, 1949...	...	9,558	12 7
Less Excess of expenditure over income for year ended 31st May, 1950	...	2,908	11 3
NIMRUD EXCAVATIONS FUND			
Allocation for year ended 31st May, 1950	...	2,390	0 0
Add donations received	...	588	6 0
		2,978	6 0
Less amount expended during year	...	2,789	3 6

ASSETS

ENDOWMENT FUND

	£	s.	d.
Investments at cost (market value at 31st May, 1950, £10,572 14s. 4d.)	...	...	...
WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS FUNDS			
Balances at banks	...	632	0 2
Cash in hand	...	...	...
Cash on deposit with—			
Post Office Savings Bank	...	4,289	13 9
London Trustee Savings Bank	...	16	16 9
Income Tax recoverable	...	25	1 4
Payment in advance	...	148	0 0
Investments at cost	...	1,725	17 9
(Market value at 31st May, 1950, £1,714 19s. 7d.)

6,839 3 10

189 2 6

£17,487 19 8

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(sd.) R. BROOKE-POPHAM, *Chairman.*

H. O. MANCE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

I certify that the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts have been prepared from the books of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, and are correct and in accordance therewith.

PROVINCIAL HOUSE, 98-106 CANNON STREET, LONDON, E.C.4
21st September, 1950.

(sd.) HAROLD LAKEMAN

Chartered Accountant, *Auditor.*

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1950

WORKING FUND

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To LONDON EXPENDITURE						
Journal	...	1,003	17 10		177	17 6
Office	...	160	3 5		...	...
Library	...	36	3 0		9	6 4
Contribution to publication of <i>Book of the Zodiac</i>	...	250	0 0		...	...
					187	3 10
BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE					291	4 7
Director's Salary—1948-9	...	518	16 6		311	18 10
1949-50	...	800	0 0		4,000	0 0
Secretary - Librarians' Salaries—1948-9	...	300	0 0		...	...
1949-50	...	550	0 0		446	19 0
Office, Library and Insurance	...	124	16 6		117	12 3
Two Fellowships	...	789	0 4		...	...
Rent of house	...	400	0 0		11	3
House expenses	...	360	0 7		...	...
Travelling and car expenses	...	548	11 5		39	0 3
Entertainment and sundries	...	71	11 8		...	...
					604	2 9
ALLOCATION TO NIMRUD EXCAVATIONS FUND					2,908	11 3
					£8,303	1 3

EXCAVATIONS FUND

	£	s.	d.
To cost of Expedition House
cost of tents
expenditure on light railway
expenditure on camera and survey equipment
wages of guards
labour and sundries
balance carried forward

£ 2,390 0 0
588 6 0

£2,978 6 0