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# REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1952

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE HOUSE OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, BURLINGTON GARDENS, OLD BOND STREET, ON FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1952, AT 5.30 o'clock, TO HEAR PROFESSOR MALLOWAN; 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

ON AUGUST 9TH, 1952, the Illustrated London News announced 'a group of archaeological discoveries of sensational interest.' Its issues of the two following weeks contained accounts, illustrated in colour and monochrome, of the School's fourth successive season, under the direction of Professor Mallowan, at Nimrud in the early part of this year.

Once again generous financial support from the Metropolitan Museum of New York enabled the work to be conducted on a wide scale. The principal discovery was a magnificent set of ivories probably carved about 720 B.C. They included the head now known as ' the lady at the well ' and a pair of polychrome ivories depicting a lioness killing an Ethiopian. Gold, lapis lazuli and carnelian were used to adorn these latter masterpieces, which were found, with other objects of great rarity, near the bottom of a well in the north-west palace, embedded in sludge.

In the temple area near the ziggurrat were discovered an important collection of documents, including Assyrian letters, written at various times before and after 640 B.C. These documents, which were part of the diplomatic archives of King Assurbani-pal, should enable us to date with precision many objects, including stores of pottery, found in adjacent magazines.

The most important architectural discovery was the quaywall on the western side of the city, probably built early in the ninth century B.C. It consisted of great blocks of dressed limestone waterproofed with bitumen; the wall-face ran down at a batter into the old bed of the Tigris. This gigantic piece of work is one of the most impressive relics of ancient Assyria.

A second gate was dug out on the north side of the palace of Assur-nasir-pal II, where some of the best sculpture executed to the orders of that king was rediscovered and photographed *in situ*.

The prospects of further important discoveries at Nimrud are good. It is intended to continue the work in the spring of 1953, with the special object of further extensive excavation near the ziggurrat, where there is a good chance of finding temples and even more important documentary evidence, which may include literary texts. In the north-west palace are also another two wells which cannot be left undug.

Thanks are due to many persons for the generous support which made the excavations possible. In addition to the Metropolitan Museum, we received grants from the Iraq Petroleum Company (who also gave machinery for removing dumps); the Griffith Institute and Ashmolean Museum, Oxford; Cambridge University; the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery; and the Australian Institute of Archaeology. Imperial Chemical Industries furnished Perspex roofing for the protection of the palaces.

By permission of the Trustees, Mr. C. J. Gadd, Keeper of the Egyptian and Assyrian Department, British Museum, joined the expedition and deciphered the inscriptions. The other members of the staff assisting in a highly successful season's work are too numerous to mention here; their names will be recorded in *Iraq*. We tender warm thanks to Dr. Naji al Asil, Director General of the Iraq Antiquities Department, and to Professor Mallowan's skilled Iraqi colleagues in Baghdad and Mosul. Above all, Professor Mallowan himself is to be congratulated.

Accommodation for many scholars from England, including research students from Oxford, Cambridge and London Universities, was provided by the expedition, which was also visited by representatives of the Institut français d'Archéologie. School Fellowships were held by Mr. R. W. Hamilton and Mr. J. H. Reid. The School had the pleasure of entertaining at Nimrud 150 delegates to the 'Ibn Sinna 'Oriental Congress, which was attended by well-known scholars from all over the world, and also of receiving Sayyid Khalil Kenna, the Minister for Education, and the British Ambassador and Lady Troutbeck.

Two parts of *Iraq* appeared in 1952 as usual. Part 1 was devoted to Nimrud. The stela of Assur-nasir-pal II was published in detail, with a translation by Mr. D. J. Wiseman, and there were other articles by him and by Professor Mallowan. In Part 2 M. André Parrot, Conservateur of Oriental Antiquities in the Louvre, honoured us with an article on recently discovered Mesopotamian statues, and there were contributions by Mrs. Van Buren on places of sacrifice ; by Mr. D. M. Dunlop on Al Farabi ; by Mrs. Maxwell-Hyslop on a bronze axe of the reign of Rim Sin ; by Professor Frankfort on the Bît Hilani ; and by Mr. R. D. Barnett and Mr. W. Watson on Russian excavations in Armenia.

The accounts are annexed.

On behalf of the Council, R. BROOKE-POPHAM.

E. H. KEELING.

October, 1952.

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I have prepared the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet set out above from the Books, Vouchers and Records of the School and I have received all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion and to the best of my knowledge and belief the Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st May, 1952, correctly shows the Excess of Income over Expenditure for that period and the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the School's affairs as at the same date.

PROVINCIAL HOUSE, 98-106 CANNON STREET, LONDON, E.C.4 19th September, 1952.

(sd.) HAROLD LAKEMAN Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

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