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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1955

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THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES, BURLINGTON HOUSE (FAR LEFT CORNER OF QUADRANGLE), PICCADILLY, ON TUESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1955, at 5 p.m., 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 4.30.

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

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

We record with deep regret a serious loss to the School in the deaths of the Right Honourable L. S. Amery, C.H., our President, and of Sir Edward Keeling, M.C., F.S.A., M.P., our Honorary Secretary, who had held office respectively since 1937 and 1932. Mr. Michael Ionides and Mr. K. H. J. O'Connell Hayes were appointed Joint Honorary Secretaries.

The School's Expedition returned in the Spring of 1955 for its sixth season at Nimrud, under the direction of Professor Mallowan. The results were very satisfactory, and the site continues to hold out good promise for the future. Generous financial support for the dig was provided by the Ashmolean Museum and the Griffith Institute, Oxford; and by the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Invaluable help was once more given by the Iraq Petroleum Company, particularly in the loan of machinery, without which the ancient dumps at the S.E. end of the mound could not have been removed. Much useful advice and practical aid was also furnished by the Company's skilled personnel.

The principal aim of the Expedition was to begin the clearance of the Nabu Temple and a building adjacent to it. The Temple itself proved to be in excellent condition. Two majestic sanctuaries, of the god Nabu and his wife Tashmetum, were completely cleared. The floors were stone-paved and at the end of each room there was an elevated podium composed of huge blocks of dressed limestone on which the statues of the deities had once stood. Inscriptions of the founder, Adad-nirari III (808-782 B.C.) had been incorporated in the floor and there was much evidence of reconstruction in the later periods, down to 612 B.C., when Assyria succumbed to a coalition of the Babylonians and the Medes.

The hope of recovering a part of the ancient library, which was known to have been housed in the Nabu Temple, was realised. When the place was sacked at the end of the seventh century B.C., the clay tablets were deliberately destroyed and were found, sometimes in the temple-rooms, sometimes in rubbish pits which had been dug by the later occupants. Many of the inscriptions were of a religious character and included prayers, omens, incantations and astrological texts. The most remarkable documents were found in one of the royal reception rooms adjacent to the Temple and proved to be copies of the

treaties, mostly in fragmentary condition, made by the king of Assyria with conquered peoples. One clay tablet, nearly complete, is probably the largest ever found in Mesopotamia. It is the copy of a treaty made by King Esarhaddon with Ramatecia, a prince of the Medes, in the year 672 B.C. This magnificent inscription, approximately six hundred lines in length, was written in six columns and sealed with the cylinder of the king, of the god, and, as if to emphasise its sanctity, with a third, archaic seal, about eleven hundred years older than the tablet itself.

No less interesting than the tablets were sets of engraved ivory panels found in the same room on and around a dais reserved for the king's throne. These panels illustrated the subjects of Assyria bringing in their expensive tribute which was received by the king in person, attended by his courtiers in full regalia. The ivories were probably contemporary with the treaty, for the tributary Medes appear to be depicted. It was doubtless the Medes themselves who took their revenge by sacking the Temple and Palace sixty years later and partially destroyed the evidence of their humiliation. Next season it is hoped to recover yet more of the royal furniture and of the library and to add to the extensive Temple-plan.

Visitors who stayed at the School this year and were engaged in Oriental research included: Mr. D. B. Harden, of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford; Professor T. Fish, of Manchester University; Mr. Charles Burney, a Fellow of the British Institute at Ankara; Mr. J. B. Ward-Perkins, Director of the British School at Rome. Those who took part in the excavations at Nimrud included: the Director and Mrs. Mallowan, Mr. R. W. Hamilton and Mr. J. H. Reid, Fellows of the School; Miss Barbara Parker, Mr. David Oates, Miss Olga Tufnell and Miss J. Beidler.

Once again we are indebted to the Director-General of Antiquities, H.E. Dr. Naji al Asil and his staff for much encouragement and many kindnesses. Sayyid Izzet Din as Sanduq, who for the third time acted as Iraqi representative to the Expedition, also rendered invaluable service.

The 1955 issues of *Iraq* are detailed on a separate sheet.

On behalf of the Council,
J. M. TROUTBECK
Chairman.

KEVIN O'C. HAYES
Hon. Secretary.

October, 1955.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1955

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ENDOWMENT FUND				ENDOWMENT FUND					
Balance at 31st December, 1947				10,648	15	10	10,648	15	10
WORKING FUND				WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS FUNDS					
Balance at 1st June, 1954	6,428	12	10				1,725	17	9
Add excess of income over expenditure for the year	118	16	11	6,547	9	9	(Market value at 31st May, 1955 £1,618 5s. 4d.)		
				343	8	0	Income Tax recoverable ...		
									701 5 10
SUNDRY CREDITORS ...							Sundry Debtors ... <i>Geny 2150</i>		
									2,254 3 7
EXCAVATIONS:							Payments in advance ...		
<i>Excavation Fund</i>									168 6 1
Balance as at 1st June, 1954	5,096	15	11				Balances on deposit accounts—		
Less excess of expenditure over income for the year	1,385	0	10	3,711	15	1	Post Office Savings Bank ... 4,998 11 9		
							London Trustee Savings Bank ... 2,095 15 9		
									7,094 7 6
<i>Special Excavation Trust Fund</i>				3,000	0	0	Balance at Bank—		
							on current accounts ...		
									1,655 0 1
							Cash in hand ...		
									3 12 0
				<u>£24,251</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>£24,251</u>
									<u>8 8</u>

(sd.) J. M. TROUTBECK, *Chairman.* H. O. MANCE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

I have prepared the Balance Sheet set out above and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts 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 Accounts for the year to 31st May, 1955, correctly show the result of the transactions for that year and the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the School's affairs as at that date.

PROVINCIAL HOUSE, 98-106 CANNON STREET, LONDON, E.C.4

(sd.) HAROLD LAKEMAN
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1955

WORKING FUND				WORKING FUND					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To LONDON EXPENDITURE							By subscriptions to School and		
Journal ...	1,349	13	2				500	15	2
Office ...	217	0	7	1,566	13	9	Journal ...		
„ BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE							„ Income tax recoverable		
Director's salary and expenses	500	0	0				10	10	10
Secretary-Librarian's salary	800	0	0						
Office, Library and Insurance	231	11	9						
Fellowships...	800	0	0						
Rent of house	300	0	0						
House expenses	606	11	9						
Travelling and car expenses	614	16	1						
Entertainments	100	0	0						
				3,952	19	7			
„ ALLOCATION TO EXCAVATIONS FUND				750	0	0			
„ Balance, being excess of income over expenditure for the year				118	16	11			
				<u>£6,388</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>			

EXCAVATIONS FUND

To miscellaneous expenses, London ...	81	10	7	By Allocation from Working Fund ...			750	0	0
„ labour and guards	2,328	19	2	„ Donations:—					
„ transport	88	4	3	Iraq Petroleum Company			250	0	0
„ provisions	114	5	11	City of Birmingham			125	0	0
„ equipment	82	1	8	Ashmolean Museum:—					
„ sundry	65	19	3	Griffith Institute			100	0	0
				Department of Antiquities			150	0	0
							Anonymous ...		
							1	0	0
							„ Balance, being excess of expenditure over income for the year		
							626	0	0
				<u>£2,761</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>			
							<u>1,385</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>
							<u>£2,761</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>

SPECIAL EXCAVATION TRUST FUND

To Balance carried forward ...	3,000	0	0	By Balance brought forward ...			1,500	0	0
				„ COPYRIGHT TRADING CO. LTD.:					
				Second Annual Instalment			825	0	0
				Income Tax Recoverable thereon...			675	0	0
							1,500	0	0
				<u>£3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>