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(Gertrude Bell Memorial)

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

DURING the year 1966-67 a School Fellowship was awarded to Miss Stephanie Page, and a grant was made to Miss Jocelyn Farrell to assist with the Nimrud Ivory programme. The principal event at the beginning of the year was the opening of the new Iraq Museum by H.E. the President of Iraq on 9th November, 1966. Great Britain was represented by Sir Frank Francis, Director of the British Museum, Professor K. A. C. Creswell, Professor and Mrs. Seton Lloyd and Mr. Robert Hamilton. The Director delivered a short address of congratulation, as did the heads of other foreign archaeological missions working in Iraq. Mr. Hamilton, as the first holder of the School's Visiting Lectureship, delivered a lecture entitled "From Mshatta to Samarra" in the auditorium of the new Museum on 10th November. The Director and Mrs. Oates entertained delegates and colleagues in the British School, and were honoured by the presence of H.E. The British Ambassador, our Vice-President.

Professor H. W. F. Saggs was given a special grant by the School to enable him to bring the Rimah (1965) tablets from the British Museum, where they had been treated, to Baghdad and to complete the study of them there.

The School continues to be used by an increasing number of visiting scholars and students, 38 of whom were in residence for varying periods throughout the year.

Work on the Nimrud ivories in Baghdad has continued under the direction of Mr. Jeffrey Orchard, assisted by Miss Brenda Macey (conservation), Miss Jocelyn Farrell (catalogue) and Mr. Peter Dorrell (photography). Part 2 of the first fascicule, by Mr. Orchard, has now been published and other fascicules are being prepared. During the winter Mrs. Joan Oates continued her survey of ancient sites in the Mandali-Badra region on the eastern edge of the Mesopotamian plain, with the aid of a Fellowship from the Guggenheim Foundation. The earliest site so far discovered dates from the Jarmo period and is the first of this date to be found in the plain. Other large sites have yielded Samarra and later material, including for the first time pottery of both north and south Mesopotamian cultures together with some apparently Iranian material.

Excavations were resumed at Tell al Rimah on 3rd March, 1967, and continued until 3rd June. The School was assisted by grants from the British Academy, the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, and the *Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire*, Brussels. The staff consisted of the Director and Mrs. Oates, Mr. J. E. Reade (Assistant Director), Miss Stephanie Page (epigraphist and registrar), Mr. David Hawkins (epigraphist and registrar), Mr. Jonathan Hodgkin (draughtsman), Mr. Christopher Dalley (surveyor and photographer) and Mr. Peter Dorrell (photographer). An additional grant from an anonymous source for the excavation of a third millennium site made it possible for a second dig to be undertaken at Tell Taya under the direction of Mr. J. E. Reade. The Directorate General of Antiquities was represented by Sayyid Majid Abdullah, who was of great assistance.

At Tell al Rimah work continued on the temple and ziggurat and on Site C, in the town north-west of the temple. Some small additions have been made to the plan of the original temple, but the main architectural discovery of the season was a projecting stair some 35 m. long, partly supported on arches, which led up from the town to the temple terrace. This is reminiscent

of the approach to the ziggurat at Ur, although no trace of lateral stairs has yet been found. Among finds in the temple area were a large and superbly carved serpentine cylinder seal of the Agade period, obviously an heirloom, a Middle Assyrian alabaster vase and two groups of Old Babylonian tablets, including letters, economic and administrative texts.

The most important discovery, however, was a Late Assyrian temple built against the north side of the then ruined ziggurat. In the cella, adjoining the podium, was a finely carved stele of "Mosul marble", depicting Adad-nirari III with the symbols of the gods above his head. Across his skirt is an inscription recording a dedication to Adad and mentioning the city Zamahi, almost certainly the Late Assyrian name of Tell al Rimah. The latter part of the inscription was defaced in antiquity, but legible. Flanking the entrance to the cells were two limestone orthostats, each bearing a lion's head with a dagger blade projecting downwards from the mouth. Two other similar orthostats were found out of position, one behind the royal stele and the other outside the doorway of the temple, together with a badly eroded limestone altar. All the orthostats bore traces of a deliberately defaced inscription. The temple also produced a number of cylinder seals, ivories and other small objects, as well as a large number of fragments of a bitumen relief apparently representing a winged figure, perhaps a scorpion man. On Site C the Expedition cleared an area containing a long sequence of second millennium occupation, represented by more than five metres of debris, and exposed at the bottom a part of a massive building which was evidently the palace. In the later levels the most notable find was an inlaid glass beaker of the Nuzi period. The palace yielded more than two hundred tablets, many of them letters, mentioning individuals already known in the Mari texts. These are of great historical importance, and will undoubtedly throw light on the external relations of Tell al Rimah, first under Assyria and then apparently in alliance with Zimri-Lim of Mari.

At Tell Taya an extensive excavation revealed a sequence of occupation extending from the Agade period, and perhaps earlier, into the second millennium, with some later material. It also confirmed that the very large area of buildings, almost two kilometres across, which surrounds the central mound, is to be dated in the second half of the third millennium. Among the finds on the central mound, which was fortified with a massive stone citadel wall, was a very large number of beads and pendants of frit and a hoard of silver rings and ingots.

We must offer our thanks to the Director General of Antiquities, Dr. Faisal al Wailly, and the Inspector General of Antiquities, Professor Fuad Safar, and their staff for the generosity with which they have supported all our enterprises.

On behalf of the Council,
M. E. L. MALLOWAN,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

D. OATES,
Director.
COLIN KERR,
Hon. Treasurer.

11th September, 1967.

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1967

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ENDOWMENT FUND:									
Balance as at 1st June, 1966	8,199	19	11						
WORKING FUND:									
Balance as at 1st June, 1966	6,088	13	0						
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	225	15	10						
SUNDRY CREDITORS	5,862	17	2						
AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS RE-NEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE	3,204	9	5						
WOOLLEY MEMORIAL FUND:									
Balance as at 1st June, 1966	650	0	0						
"SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM" FUND	163	15	11						
JEBEL SINIAR FUND	925	0	0						
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND:	6,311	11	7						
Balance as at 1st June, 1966	10,189	15	11						
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	5,687	17	1						
				15,877	13	0			
ENDOWMENT FUND:									
Investment at cost:									
8,149 Income Shares in Charities Official Investment Fund									
(Market Value at 31st May, 1967,				£7,674					
WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS FUNDS:									
Investments, at cost:									
(Market Value at 31st May, 1967,									
£9,417 9s. 5d.)				650	0	0			
INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE				163	15	11			
DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE				6,311	11	7			
BALANCES WITH SAVINGS BANKS:									
Post Office Savings Bank	109	0	3						
London Trustee Savings Bank	218	5	3						
BALANCES AT BANKS:									
On Current Accounts	5,996	1	1						
On Deposit Account	15,000	0	0						
CASH IN HAND:									
London	2	8	2						
Baghdad	555	3	5						
				20,996	1	1			
				557	11	7			
				£41,195	7	0			

M. E. L. MALLOWAN } *Chairman.*
C. KERR } *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, 1967, 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

C. W. McCORMACK,
Chartered Accountant,
23rd August, 1967

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1967

WORKING FUND

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	LONDON EXPENDITURE:							By	SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SCHOOL AND JOURNAL						
	Journal	3,846	4	6					JOURNAL	973	0	10			
	Office	718	4	0					INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE UNDER COVENANTS				6	2	6
					4,564	8	6								
	BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE:								OUTSIDE SALES OF JOURNAL ...				979	3	4
	Director's Salary, Superannuation and Travelling	3,916	14	0					INCOME RECEIVED FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM (Gertrude Bell Legacy) ...				1,735	1	11
	Assistant Director's Salary, Superannuation and Travelling	1,773	7	4					TREASURY GRANT				245	2	3
	Office, Library and Insurance	299	7	3					INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS:				13,125	0	0
	Fellowships	1,956	19	0					On Investments	986	8	11			
	Rent of School Building and House ...	1,269	17	5					Bank Deposit	369	9	2			
	House and School Expenses	1,958	10	1					Post Office Savings Bank	2	12	7			
	Travelling and Car	592	3	10					London Trustee Savings Bank ...	7	6	9			
	Entertainment	254	13	4									1,365	17	5
	Survey and Research	1,000	0	0											
					13,021	12	3		PROFIT ON REALISATION OF INVESTMENT				60	0	0
	AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE						150	0	0						
									EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME FOR THE YEAR ...				225	15	10
													£17,736	0	9
													£17,736	0	9

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

To	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:							By	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MUSEUMS						
	London	188	6	1					Manchester University	300	0	0			
	Baghdad (inc. Tel Rimah Excavations)	5,029	19	8					Metropolitan Museum—New York	1,785	7	11			
					5,218	5	9						2,085	7	11
	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR						5,687	17	1						
									DONATIONS:						
									Ashmolean Museum	200	0	0			
									British Academy	1,000	0	0			
									British Museum	250	0	0			
									Iraq Petroleum Company	500	0	0			
									Musées Royaux Brussels	400	0	0			
									University of Pennsylvania	2,146	17	8			
													4,496	17	8
									"NIMRUD AND ITS REMAINS":						
									Refund of part of the contribution towards the Publication Costs	3,662	0	0			
									Royalties on Sales	661	17	3			
													4,323	17	3
							£10,906	2	10				£10,906	2	10

"SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM" FUND

To	BALANCE, carried forward				925	0	0	By	BALANCE brought forward				425	0	0
									DONATION FROM "THE SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM" TRUST				500	0	0
							£925	0	0				£925	0	0

JEBEL SINJAR FUND

To	EXPENDITURE IN EXCAVATION AT TELL TAYA				2,199	1	0	By	DONATION—"ANONYMOUS" ...				8,510	12	7
	BALANCE, carried forward...				6,311	11	7						£8,510	12	7
					£8,510	12	7						£8,510	12	7

FORM OF BEQUEST

I bequeath unto the Honorary Treasurer of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq (Gertrude Bell Memorial) the sum of free of duty, to be applied towards carrying out the objects of the School.

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sd.

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Address

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