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* Member of Executive Committee

The first Annual General Meeting of the School will be held in the Hall of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, on Tuesday, October 10, at 5 o'clock, to receive and 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.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

1. This report and the accompanying accounts are for the period from the constitution of the School on January 14th, 1932 to June 30th, 1933. In future the report and accounts will cover a year, ending on June 30th. In view of the longer period of the present report an interim report was issued in May.

2. The Income of the School has been augmented by the generosity of the late Sir Hugh Bell. As mentioned in the interim report, he bequeathed £4,000 (subject to death duties) to supplement the £6,000 bequeathed by Gertrude Bell to the British Museum upon trust to pay the income to a British School of Archaeology in 'Iraq, if founded within 21 years of her death. Sir Hugh Bell's legacy realized £2,912 12s. net, which sum has been invested by the British Museum in £2,945 8s. 9d. of 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan.

The School is therefore in receipt of the income from the following **endowments** :—

A. Gertrude Bell's legacy to the British Museum, now represented by £5,910 18s. 8d. of 3½ per cent. War Loan; B. Sir Hugh Bell's legacy to the British Museum, invested as stated above; C. the School's Endowment Fund, which amounted on June 30th to £8,547 13s. and was then represented by (1) the investments shown in the annexed accounts and (2) £137 3s. 7d. in cash (since invested). (Further sums amounting to £709 have been promised to the Endowment Fund in instalments.)

The **annual income** from the above endowments is £687, and annual subscriptions amount at the date of this report to £35, making a total income of £722. The School is exempt from income tax.

3. The chief business of the Executive Committee has been to decide how this limited income can most usefully be employed. They have aimed at choosing objects not only desirable in themselves but likely to attract additional financial support for the School. The principal objects of **expenditure** discussed by the Committee are mentioned in the following paragraphs.

4. Consideration has been given to the provision of a school building and hostel in Baghdad, a proposal strongly supported by the Appeal Committee in 'Iraq. The Executive Committee regret that having regard to the capital cost and cost of maintenance they do not for the time being see their way to adopt the proposal. In their opinion such a building would so drain the present income as to prevent more vital activities, and it would be of little value without a resident director—an appointment beyond the existing resources of the School. Part of the income is, however, being invested as a reserve fund which may be used for building.

5. The Committee made a grant of £615 to the **Expedition, directed by Mr. M. E. L. Mallowan, which during last winter excavated a prehistoric site at Arpachiyah, near Nineveh**, under the auspices of the British Museum and the School. Generous contributions were received from the Percy Sladen Fund of the Linnean Society, Sir Charles Marston and an anonymous donor. Mr. Mallowan, who was assisted by Mr. J. Cruikshank Rose, A.R.I.B.A., reports as follows :—

During two months' work we dug through the remains of a settlement which must have lasted a considerable time: there were ten separate building levels. The latest existed well before 3000 B.C., for in the houses of the top four levels we found painted pottery of the Ur Al 'Ubaid type, known as the earliest ware of South Mesopotamia from its occurrence in the lowest levels there.

The six lower levels revealed remains of a still earlier people, apparently a peaceful agricultural community. The discovery of a granary provided the earliest known specimens of a Mesopotamian cereal. These farmers were, however, chiefly distinguished for their magnificent painted pottery. A house in the sixth settlement which had been sacked and burnt contained over 150 objects, including clay dishes painted red, black and white on an apricot or cream slip. Many of the bowls had stylised floral designs, and besides geometric motifs the *bukranium* or oxhead was common. Among the cult objects were terracotta examples of the "Mother goddess," with details of the dress in paint, and double-axe stone amulets.

The most remarkable architectural features in the lower levels were a number of circular stone buildings, some of them approached by a long gallery on the major axis. They appear to have been shrines, for burials with rich offerings were found within the precincts. They are the first buildings of this type discovered in Mesopotamia and are important for their analogy with the bee-hive tombs of early Crete. These shrines and a partially excavated cemetery, rich in painted pottery, require further investigation.

6. The Committee report with great regret that unexpected difficulties have arisen in connection with the division of the objects found by the Expedition. The 'Iraq Antiquities Law (1924) contains the following provisions under the heading *Division of result of Excavations* :—

Art. 22. At the close of excavations, the Director [of Antiquities] shall choose such objects from among those found as are in his opinion needed for the scientific completeness of the 'Iraq Museum. After separating these objects, the Director will assign to the person who has been given the permit for excavation such objects as will reward him adequately, aiming as far as possible at giving such a person a representative share of the whole result of excavations made by him.

Art. 23. Any antiquities received by a person as his share of the proceeds of excavation under the preceding article may be exported by him and he shall be given an export permit free of charge in respect thereof.

At the request of the Antiquities Department, Mr. Mallowan transported to Baghdad the objects found by the Expedition. The Director of Antiquities, after a careful examination, retained such objects as the Baghdad Museum required, and allotted the balance (less than half of the total number) to Mr. Mallowan in accordance with the law. These were repacked by Mr. Mallowan for despatch to England. A few hours before his own departure, he was informed that the Minister of Education was not satisfied with the division and refused to issue an export permit. This was last May. None has yet been issued, and the Expedition's share of the finds remains in 'Iraq. The Director of the British Museum has made representations to the British Foreign Office, whose reply is awaited.

7. The Committee have approved in principle a further grant for excavation, either at Arpachiyah or elsewhere, but no expedition will be despatched until satisfactory assurances are received that the Government of 'Iraq will allow reasonable conditions to excavators.

8. Much thought has been given by the Committee to the question of a **Journal**. Negotiations were begun with two other Societies interested in the archæology of 'Iraq, but in spite of great goodwill it was not found possible to evolve a satisfactory joint scheme, and the Committee has decided that the School shall publish its own Journal. This will be devoted to the history, art and archæology of 'Iraq from the earliest period down to A.D. 1700. Texts and discussions of texts relevant to historical and general subjects will be admitted, but not exclusively philological or linguistic matter. Mr. Sidney Smith, Keeper of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities at the British Museum and formerly Director of Antiquities in 'Iraq, has accepted the Editorship. A small Editorial Committee will be appointed, and a larger Consultative Committee will decide any question referred to them by the Editor or the Editorial Committee. The British Academy has granted a subsidy of £25 and the Royal Central Asian Society £10 per annum.

The Journal will contain about 200 pages of printed matter and 50 plates—half-tone or collo-type according to subject. Two numbers will appear each year—the first in the spring of 1934. Contributions have been invited from a number of distinguished scholars, in French, German and Italian as well as English. The Journal should attract a considerable number of additional members to the School. The price, which will be reduced for members, will be fixed when the cost of production is known.

9. It has been decided to form a **Library**, which will be available for members of the School. It will contain books not otherwise easily accessible. An expenditure of £50 during the current year has been approved, and it is hoped to grant this sum annually.

10. Another object under discussion is the creation of a **Studentship or Fellowship tenable in 'Iraq**. The Committee are negotiating with another body which has funds available for this purpose, in the hope of agreeing on a joint scheme.

11. The **accounts** down to June 30th, 1933, are annexed hereto. The expenses amounted to £47 3s. 2d.

The thanks of the School are due to Mr. Harold Lakeman for gratuitously auditing the accounts.

12. As already stated, the ordinary income amounts only to £722, a sum insufficient to enable the School to fulfil its objects in any adequate degree. It is necessary to build up an increased income, and for this, under present conditions, to look mainly to additional annual subscriptions. **The Committee appeal for subscriptions, and also for donations, to enable the school to continue the work already begun and extend its activities.** Forms of subscription and donation and of a banker's order are attached.

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

E. BONHAM-CARTER, *Chairman*

E. H. KEELING, *Hon. Secretary*

20 Wilton Street, S.W.1

September 18, 1933

BALANCE SHEET, 30th June, 1933

Liabilities				Assets			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
ENDOWMENT FUND :—				ENDOWMENT FUND :—			
Transfer of investments from Appeal Fund on 26th March, 1932, at original cost price	8,161	16	0	Cash at bank	137	3	7
Add Profit on realization of investments	248	13	5	Investments, at cost (market value — £9,031 17s. 10d.)	8,410	9	5
Surplus of income over expenditure as per attached account	137	3	7				8,547 13 0
			8,547 13 0	GENERAL FUND :—			
GENERAL FUND :—				Cash in hand	8	9	10
Transfer of cash from Appeal Fund on 26th March, 1932	343	9	0	Cash at bank	612	19	2
Add Surplus of income over expenditure, as per attached account	1,334	16	6	Investments, at cost (market value — £1,037 10s. 0d.)	1,025	17	9
			1,678 5 6	Income tax recoverable	30	18	9
			£10,225 18 6				1,678 5 6
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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
11th September, 1933

(Signed) HAROLD LAKEMAN, F.C.A.
Hon. Auditor

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS for the period 14th January 1932 to 30th June 1933

ENDOWMENT FUND			
To balance, being surplus of income over expenditure	137	3	7
	£137	3	7
GENERAL FUND			
To grants for excavation at Arpachiyah	615	0	0
To expenses in connection with Journal	1	6	0
To miscellaneous expenses	45	17	2
To balance, being surplus of income over expenditure	1,334	16	6
			£1,996 19 8
By donations			
			137 3 7
By subscriptions and donations			
			56 15 10
By income received from Trustees of British Museum arising from Gertrude Bell Bequest			
			738 18 9
Arrears of income			
			400 3 9
Current income			
			1,139 2 6
By interest :—			
			On investments (gross) 629 17 0
			On bank deposits 4 10 8
			634 7 8
By bonus on conversion of War Loan			
			12 0 0
By refund of Income Tax to 5th April 1932			
			154 13 8
			£1,996 19 8

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

	Book Value	Market Value 30th June 1933
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ENDOWMENT FUND :—		
£3,750 5 per cent. Conversion Stock 1944-64	3,796 19 3	4,368 15 0
£1,200 3½ per cent. War Stock	1,249 16 2	1,188 0 0
£1,365 4s. 8d. India 4½ per cent. Stock 1958-68	1,389 5 6	1,447 2 10
£1,000 Army & Navy Investment Trust Co. Ltd., 4 per cent. Perpetual Registered Debenture Stock	995 2 6	995 0 0
£950 United States & South America Investment Trust Co. Ltd., 4½ per cent. Perpetual 2nd Debenture Stock	979 6 0	964 5 0
100 £1 5 per cent. First Preference Shares, Thomas W. Ward, Ltd.	—	68 15 0
	£8,410 9 5	£9,031 17 10
GENERAL FUND :—		
£500 Central Electricity Board, 4½ per cent. Stock 1957-82	520 14 6	535 0 0
£500 Metropolitan Trust Co., Ltd., 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	505 3 3	502 10 0
	£1,025 17 9	£1,037 10 0

(Signed) H. O. MANCE