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Report & Accounts
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THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.1., ON WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1981, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR THE DIRECTOR, MR. J. N. POSTGATE, 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.

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

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

This year in Iraq, in spite of some difficulties caused by the autumn outbreak of hostilities, valuable work continued to be done throughout the ten-month period covered by this report.

At home, the Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd December 1980. The new British Ambassador in Baghdad, Mr. S. L. Egerton, C.M.G., was elected Vice-President in succession to the outgoing Ambassador, Mr. A. J. D. Stirling, C.M.G., to whom thanks are due for his period of service.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. F. C. Springford, C.B.E., resigned his office and Mr. G. J. Warren was elected to take his place.

Mr. Springford was elected to serve on the Council as were also Mr. A. R. Millard (University of Liverpool), Miss M. J. Munn Rankin (University of Cambridge) and Dr. J. E. Curtis (British Museum). Among the nominated members, Miss L. H. Jeffery was succeeded by Miss E. Mackenzie (Lady Margaret Hall) and Mr. P. Hulin by Professor J. Barr, F.B.A. (Board of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford).

Following the Annual General Meeting, the Vice-Chairman, Professor David Oates, gave the lecture entitled "The Excavations at Tell Brak, 1980" in which he reported the successful results of the third post-war season at the site, conducted from March to May 1980, with the support of this School.

On 12th June 1980, Mr. Christopher Walker, who had worked at Isin as the guest of the German expedition, gave a special lecture to the School on "The Excavations at Isin, 1973-78".

In Iraq, from 15th to 29th November, the Director and Assistant Director visited 'Ana, in the Haditha Dam Rescue Project, and planned the remains of the main mosque of Al-Meshhed, excavated by an Iraqi team. They were also able to inspect the site and make arrangements for future British participation in the rescue excavations there. The first season of work planned there for March had to be postponed to October 1981. The Director led a special study season at Abu Salabikh which involved preparatory work for the full autumn season, maintenance work on the dig-house, study of and writing up of reports on material from previous seasons. In January, Mr. Postgate made a short visit to Toronto to act as one of the referees for the

Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia project organized by Professor A. K. Grayson. The Assistant Director was engaged in writing, editing and collecting archaeological reports. He returned to England in March to attend to the School's business and to lecture on the activities of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq in the Universities of Manchester, Sheffield and Oxford.

Mr. R. Killick was appointed Secretary-Librarian to the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq and arrived in Baghdad in November to take up his appointment, along with his fiancée Jane Moon, a former holder of the post.

On 7th March, the Director commenced the spring season of three months of excavations at Abu Salabikh. The initial month was occupied by surface clearance.

Visitors to the Baghdad establishment included: Mr. John Warren, an architect who had visited the mosque of Al-Meshhed with the Director and written a report for the State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage; Miss Deborah Downs, to complete her study on the human skeletal remains from Abu Salabikh, to be published in the Director's report on the graves, and from Tells Madhhur and Rubeidheh, to be published in the Hamrin report of the Iraqi State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage; Mr. Anthony Green (Fellow), to work on apotropaic foundation figurines; Mr. Charles Burney (University of Manchester), to prepare for a projected Manchester University expedition to participate in the Eski Mosul Dam rescue project.

The School has changed its financial year from 1st June-31st May to 1st April-31st March in order to conform with the financial year of the British Academy. The result is that this report for 1980/81 covers only ten months and the necessary adjustments in the accounts have been made. This should be borne in mind in making any comparisons with a previous full year.

As ever, our warm thanks are due both to the State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage of Iraq and its President, Dr. Mu'ayyad Damerji, for their customary assistance and cooperation, and to the Council of the British Academy for their continued support.

D. J. WISEMAN,
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Hon. Treasurer

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

1980 £	EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE:	1981 £	1980 £	DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS:	1981 £
5,949	Tell Taya	3,500		British Academy — Tell Brak	5,000
4,331	Abu Salabikh	12,110		British Academy — Abu Salabikh	5,000
16,500	Tell Brak	16,000		British Museum — Abu Salabikh	3,000
6,285	Jebel Hamrin	1,416		C. H. W. Johns Fund — Abu Salabikh	500
—	Haditha	1,468		Royal Ontario Museum — Abu Salabikh	362
4,392	Sundries	—		National Geographic Society — Abu Salabikh	6,244
<u>37,457</u>		<u>34,494</u>			
	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:	1,663	9,400	GRANT FOR PUBLICATIONS:	20,106
(725)	Less: Contribution from "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" Fund	—		Fine Arts Museums, San Francisco	33,077
2,322	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	19,891	4,000	British Academy	—
			654	SALES AND ROYALTIES	1,742
			—	INVESTMENT INCOME	1,123
			<u>25,000</u>	TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND	—
<u>£39,054</u>		<u>£56,048</u>	<u>£39,054</u>		<u>£56,048</u>

		FUNDS STATEMENT			
1980 £	INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN FUNDS:	1981 £	1980 £	REPRESENTED BY:—	1981 £
720	Bonham Carter Lecture Fund	119	—	Increase in Investments (net)	38,522
51	Mallowan Fund	(85)	5,243	Increase/(Decrease) in Debtors	(7,988)
1,201	Working Fund	1,521	5,197	Decrease in Creditors	3,140
2,322	Special Publications and Excavations Fund	19,891	(4,096)	Movement in Liquid Funds:	
(725)	"Seven Pillars of Wisdom" Fund	—	225	(Decrease) in Bank Balances	(12,575)
3,000	Motor Vehicles Renewal Reserve	—	—	Increase in Cash Balances	347
<u>£6,569</u>		<u>£21,446</u>	<u>£6,569</u>		<u>(12,228)</u>
					<u>£21,446</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. FIXED ASSETS
The cost of fixed assets is written off in the year of acquisition. The cost of motor vehicles is set against the Accumulated Reserve for the Renewal of Motor Vehicles.
2. FOREIGN CURRENCY
At the year end foreign currency holdings are converted at the rate ruling on the balance sheet date. Transactions during the year are shown at the average rate for the period.

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WORKING FUND INVESTMENTS AT 31st MARCH, 1981

	Cost £	Market Value £
✓ £5,000 Treasury 12% Loan Stock, 1983	4,993	4,931
✓ £673 East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable Preference Stock, 1985/90	692	458
✓ £500 Metropolitan Trust Co. Ltd. 3½% Debenture Stock, 1975/85	505	362
£5,000 Treasury 14% Stock, 1982	3,017	3,054
£5,000 Treasury 8½% Stock, 1980/82	4,854	4,860
£3,000 Exchequer 14% Stock, 1984	2,996	3,079
£4,631 Exchequer 12% Stock, 1985	4,597	4,536
	<u>£21,654</u>	<u>£21,289</u>
1980	<u>£17,981</u>	<u>£16,982</u>

BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND INVESTMENTS AT 31st MARCH, 1981

£1,000 Treasury 12% Stock, 1983	1,031	986
£700 Exchequer 14% Stock, 1984	699	718
	<u>£1,730</u>	<u>£1,704</u>
1980	<u>£1,031</u>	<u>£948</u>

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND INVESTMENTS AT 31st MARCH, 1981

£10,000 Treasury 12% Stock, 1984	10,046	9,820
£10,200 Treasury 12½% Stock, 1985	10,098	9,990
£14,500 Exchequer 11½% Stock, 1986	14,006	13,929
	<u>£34,150</u>	<u>£33,739</u>

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