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THE WEST MOUND SURFACE CLEARANCE

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E. McAdam, J. Eidem, and J. Crowfoot Payne

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THE MIDDLE BABYLONIAN LEGAL AND ECONOMIC  
TEXTS FROM UR

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Report & Accounts  
for the year ended  
31st March, 1984



THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, 20-21 CORNWALL TERRACE, LONDON, N.W.1, ON THURSDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1984, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR THE DIRECTOR, DR. MICHAEL ROAF, 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

It is with great regret that the School has received news of the death on 28th February 1984 of Professor Taha Baqir, a former Director of Antiquities in Iraq and the excavator of 'Aqar Quf and Tell Harmal.

We also regret to hear of the death of Miss Marjorie Maitland Howard who supervised the School's work at Balawat and prepared drawings of the Balawat Gates.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1st December 1983. At that meeting members were informed of the resignation of Lord Trevelyan from the Presidency, on the grounds of ill-health. Warm thanks are due to him for his long years of service to the School. We are very pleased that Lady Mallowan has accepted election to the Presidency to succeed Lord Trevelyan. Following the meeting the Director, Dr. Michael Roaf, lectured on the results of the first season of excavations in the Eski Mosul Dam Salvage Project.

As nominated members of Council, Dr. E. Sollberger was succeeded by Mr. T. C. Mitchell (British Museum); Professor D. J. Wiseman by Mr. J. D. Hawkins (School of Oriental and African Studies); Professor David Oates by Mr. Peter Parr (University of London). The following members were elected to the Council: Professor Seton Lloyd; Professor David Oates; Dr. E. Sollberger; Professor D. J. Wiseman; Dr. D. Collon; Dr. J. E. Reade.

Miss G. C. Talbot has given up her position as Assistant Secretary/Publications and the School is most grateful to her for her many years of devoted service. She has been succeeded by Dr. Dominique Collon.

On 22nd June, 1983, Dr. J. M. Rogers gave the fifth Bonham Carter Memorial Lecture entitled "The Great Library of the 'Abbasid Caliphs (12th-13th centuries)".

In Spring 1983, Professor Oates directed another season of excavations at Tell Brak. Investigation continued in levels ranging from mid-3rd to early 2nd millennium B.C. which have yielded a well-stratified ceramic sequence. Relations of the site with the contemporary Mari and Ebla are being explored.

In Iraq, the intense archaeological activity of the past few years has continued unabated despite the problems caused by the continuing state of war. A major achievement was the opening of new display

galleries in the Iraq Museum where many of the spectacular discoveries of recent years can be seen for the first time.

The main research project of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq has been the continued participation in the Eski Mosul Dam Salvage Project where excavations have been under way throughout the year except during the hottest months of the summer. The main work was carried out at Tell Mohammed 'Arab where the cliff section was excavated over a distance of some 140 metres revealing occupations in the late Uruk, painted Ninevite 5, incised Ninevite 5, Middle Assyrian, Hellenistic and Sassanian periods. The Ninevite 5 levels, which are being prepared for publication by Mr. Robert Killick (Secretary/Librarian), have proved particularly interesting in the establishment of a sequence for this little-known and elusive culture. The Middle Assyrian remains form a valuable corpus of material from the last three centuries of the second millennium B.C. and are being studied by Dr. Geoffrey Summers (School Fellow 1982/83 and 1983/84). In the winter of 1983/84 Mr. Alistair Killick (School Fellow 1983/84) made a detailed study of the material from the Hellenistic pits. An unexpected bonus of the last season's work was the discovery and excavation of a cemetery of the Sassanian period, c.4th and 5th centuries A.D. The recording of the rich finds from these graves has been undertaken by the dig draughtsman Mr. Robert Britton and by the Director. Articles on the excavations at Tell Mohammed 'Arab will be published in *Sumer* and *Iraq*.

While the main effort has been concentrated on Tell Mohammed 'Arab, other sites in the area of the concession have been investigated with the co-operation of teams from Edinburgh and Manchester Universities and from the British Museum. Dr. Trevor Watkins directed the Edinburgh University excavations at Tell Kharabeh Shattani in April/May 1983 while Mr. Charles Burney directed the Manchester University team working at Tell Wadi Khatkhun in May/June 1983. In February/March 1984 Dr. John Curtis directed a team from the the British Museum at two sites, at Khirbet Qasrij where an industrial area of c.500 B.C. was uncovered and at Khirbet Khatuniyeh where stratified remains from the Hellenistic period to the mid-2nd millennium B.C. were found.

Other archaeological projects sponsored by the School have been undertaken in Iraq during the year. In Spring 1983 Mr. Nicholas Postgate (with the School Research Associate, Mrs. Jane Killick, as Assistant Director) directed a team which continued the excavation and surface scraping of the Sumerian city of Abu Salabikh.

In April 1983 Mr. Alastair Northedge (School Fellow 1982/83) and his wife completed the ground survey of the extensive early

Islamic city of Samarra as the preliminary to the compilation of an atlas and gazetteer of the site based on photogrammetric planning from aerial photographs.

In October 1983 Mr. Robert Killick (Secretary/Librarian) co-directed with Dr. Gasche of the Belgian Archaeological Expedition investigations along the Habl as-Sakhr which showed that it was without doubt a stretch of the defensive earthwork built by Nebuchadnezzar II from the Euphrates to the Tigris and which could be the "Median Wall" mentioned by Xenophon in his *Anabasis*.

Dr. Jeremy Black (Assistant Director) assisted in the Eski Mosul excavations and at Abu Salabikh and has prepared a report on the brick inscriptions of Nebuchadnezzar II found in the investigation of the Habl as-Sakhr. In the Iraq Museum he has been copying tablets from Ur and from the Nabu Temple library at Nimrud as well as preparing a catalogue of all known manuscripts of *balag* compositions.

Mr. Timothy Potts (grant-holder 1982/83) participated in the excavations at Abu Salabikh and studied stone bowls in the Iraq Museum.

Dr. Ellen McAdam (grant-holder 1983/84) continued her wide-ranging study of prehistoric clay figurines by examining those from Ur, 'Ubaid and Eridu in the Iraq Museum.

The Expedition was pleased to welcome a visit from the Secretary of the British Academy, Mr. John Carswell, and his wife in April 1983. Other visitors during the year included Dr. Gilbert McEwan (collating texts, mostly from Nimrud, for the Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia Project); Dr. Susan Pollock (studying finds from the Royal Cemetery of Ur in the Iraq Museum); Professor Kirk Grayson and Professor T. Cuyler Young (investigating the possibilities for future Canadian involvement in archaeology in Iraq); Professor Elisabeth Carter and Mr. William Lincoln (members of the al-Hibba expedition).

As ever, our warm thanks are due both to the State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage in Iraq and to its President, Dr. Mu'ayyad Damerji, for their customary assistance and co-operation during the year, as also to the Council of the British Academy for its continued support.

D. J. WISEMAN,  
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1984

|  | 1983     | 1984     | 1983     | 1984     | 1984     |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|  | £        | £        | £        | £        | £        |
| 1983   |          |          |          |          |          |
| £  |          |          |          |          |          |
| 8,200  | 8,200    | 8,200    | 8,200    | 8,200    | 8,200    |
| BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND:                                |          |          |          |          |          |
| Balance as at 1st April, 1983                              | 2,360    |          |          |          |          |
| Balance as at 1st April, 1983                              | 211      |          |          |          |          |
| Add: Investment Income                                     | (100)    |          |          |          |          |
| Less: Lecture Fee  | ...      | 2,471    | 1,699    | 1,699    | 1,699    |
| 2,360  |          | 2,471    | 1,699    | 1,699    | 1,699    |
| MALLOWAN FUND:   |          |          |          |          |          |
| Balance as at 1st April, 1983                              | 2,591    |          |          |          |          |
| Add: Investment Income                                     | 319      |          |          |          |          |
| Less: Expenditure  | (382)    |          |          |          |          |
| 2,591  |          | 2,528    | 2,500    | 2,500    | 2,500    |
| 49,393   | 49,393   | 49,393   | 21,790   | 21,790   | 21,790   |
| 49,393   | 6,040    | 55,433   | 34,150   | 47,450   | 47,450   |
| SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND:                 |          |          |          |          |          |
| Balance as at 1st April, 1983                              | 36,944   |          |          |          |          |
| Add: Surplus for the year                                  | 13,560   |          |          |          |          |
| 36,944   |          |          |          |          |          |
| 5,504  | 50,304   | 50,304   | 68,339   | 81,639   | 81,639   |
| CAPITAL RESERVE  | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      |
| ACCUMULATED RESERVE FOR RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Note 1) | ...      | 4,000    | 33,920   | 2,241    | 2,227    |
| 7,323  | 4,000    | 4,000    | 33,920   | 24,190   | 24,190   |
| 12,121   | 5,463    | 5,463    | 12,374   | 14,762   | 14,762   |
| SUNDRY CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS                            | ...      | ...      | 1,000    | 6,744    | 6,744    |
| ...  | ...      | ...      | 6,376    | ...      | ...      |
| CASH IN HAND:  |          |          |          |          |          |
| London   | 35       | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      |
| Baghdad  | 151      | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      |
| 21,506   | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      |
| 21,506   | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      |
| 4,341  | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      |
| 4,341  | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...      |
| £133,903   | £133,903 | £133,903 | £124,436 | £133,903 | £133,903 |

Approved by the Council on 17th October, 1984

D. J. WISEMAN  
G. J. WARREN

Chairman  
Treasurer

In our opinion the Accounts set out on pages 7 to 10 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the School at 31st March, 1984 and of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

DEARDEN FARROW,  
Chartered Accountants.

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WORKING FUND

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1984

| 1983            | £  | 1984            | £      | 1983            | £                               | 1984            | £       |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                 |  |                 |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
|                 |  |                 |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
|                 |  |                 |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
| 14,263          | LONDON EXPENDITURE:                      |                 |        |                 | SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SCHOOL AND     |                 |         |
| 14,796          | Printing and Journal ... ..              | 18,316          |        | 4,527           | JOURNAL ... ..                  | 6,770           |         |
|                 | Salaries and Office Expenses ... ..      | 11,879          |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
|                 |  |                 | 30,195 | 7,249           | OUTSIDE SALES OF JOURNAL ... .. | 9,115           | 15,885  |
| 24,008          | BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE                      |                 |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
| 20,653          | Staff ... ..                             | 26,248          |        |                 | INCOME FROM THE GERTRUDE        |                 |         |
| 12,152          | Rent ... ..                              | 27,154          |        | 2,164           | BELL TRUST ... ..               |                 |         |
| 12,870          | House and School Expenses ... ..         | 14,670          |        | 110,796         | BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT ... ..    |                 | 126,491 |
| 1,379           | Fellowships and Visiting Scholars ... .. | 14,416          |        | 1,500           | VARIOUS DONATIONS ... ..        |                 | 200     |
| 1,906           | Library ... ..                           | 1,736           |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
| 2,282           | Travel ... ..                            | —               |        | 3,853           | INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS:         |                 |         |
|                 | Sundry ... ..                            | 5,075           |        | 3,528           | On Investments ... ..           | 3,891           |         |
|                 |  |                 | 89,299 |                 | Bank Deposit ... ..             | 1,218           | 5,109   |
| 30,000          | TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICA-             |                 | 17,781 | 7               | GAIN ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS     |                 |         |
|                 | TIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND               |                 |        | 1,395           | PROFIT ON EXCHANGE ... ..       |                 | 257     |
| 1,000           | AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS                 |                 | 4,627  | 290             | SHORTFALL FOR THE YEAR ... ..   |                 |         |
|                 | RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES                |                 |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
| —               | SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ... ..              |                 | 6,040  |                 |                                 |                 |         |
|                 |  |                 |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
|                 |  |                 |        |                 |                                 |                 |         |
| <u>£135,309</u> |  | <u>£147,942</u> |        | <u>£135,309</u> |                                 | <u>£147,942</u> |         |

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS and EXCAVATIONS FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1984

| 1983           | £                        | 1984           | £      | 1983           | £                          | 1984           | £      |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------|
|                |                          |                |        |                |                            |                |        |
|                |                          |                |        |                |                            |                |        |
| 19,499         | EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE: |                |        |                | DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR   |                |        |
| 5,000          | Abu Salabikh ... ..      | 9,000          |        | 16,500         | EXCAVATIONS:               |                |        |
| 11,081         | Tell Brak ... ..         | 16,500         |        |                | British Academy:           |                |        |
| 5,126          | Eski Mosul ... ..        | 17,005         |        |                | Abu Salabikh               | 5,000          |        |
| 1,400          | 'Ana ... ..              | —              |        |                | 'Ana                       | 7,000          |        |
|                | Sundries ... ..          | 6              |        |                | Tell Brak                  | 6,500          |        |
|                |                          |                |        |                | Eski Mosul                 | 10,000         |        |
| 42,106         |                          | 42,511         |        | 13,992         |                            | 28,500         |        |
| 12,449         | SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:    |                | 12,905 |                | GRANT FOR PUBLICATIONS:    |                |        |
|                |                          |                |        |                | Walters Art Gallery ... .. |                | 13,360 |
|                |                          |                |        |                | British Museum ... ..      |                | 3,000  |
|                |                          |                |        | 3,059          | SALES AND ROYALTIES        |                | 1,981  |
|                |                          |                |        | 4,153          | INVESTMENT INCOME          |                | 4,154  |
|                |                          |                |        | 30,000         | TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND |                | 17,781 |
|                |                          |                |        | 3,351          | SHORTFALL FOR THE YEAR     |                |        |
|                |                          |                |        |                |                            |                |        |
|                |                          |                |        |                |                            |                |        |
|                |                          |                |        |                |                            |                |        |
| —              | SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR:    |                | 13,360 |                |                            |                |        |
| <u>£54,555</u> |                          | <u>£68,776</u> |        | <u>£54,555</u> |                            | <u>£68,776</u> |        |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES
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 year.
3. STOCKS  
Publication and stationery stocks are not brought into account because they are considered to be immaterial, but are written off in the year in which the expense is incurred.
4. GRANTS AND DONATIONS  
Grants and donations have been accounted for on a received basis.

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WORKING FUND INVESTMENTS at 31st MARCH, 1984

|   | Cost<br>£      | Market<br>Value<br>£ |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| £673 East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable Preference Stock 1950/90 | 692            | 464                  |
| £500 Metropolitan Trust Co. Ltd., 3½% Debenture Stock, 1975/85          | 505            | 425                  |
| £2,970 Treasury 15% Stock, 1985   | 3,000          | 3,059                |
| £3,013 Exchequer 14% Stock, 1984  | 7,996          | 8,063                |
| £4,631 Exchequer 12½% Stock, 1985                                       | 4,597          | 4,802                |
| £5,000 Treasury 11½% Stock, 1989  | 5,000          | 5,197                |
|   | <u>£21,790</u> | <u>£22,010</u>       |
|   | 1983           | 1983                 |
|   | <u>£21,790</u> | <u>£21,942</u>       |

BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND INVESTMENTS at 31st MARCH, 1984

|                                |               |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| £982 Treasury 11½% Stock, 1989 | 1,000         | 1,021         |
| £700 Exchequer 14% Stock, 1984 | 699           | 704           |
|                                | <u>£1,699</u> | <u>£1,725</u> |
|                                | 1983          | 1983          |
|                                | <u>£1,699</u> | <u>£1,710</u> |

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND INVESTMENTS at 31st MARCH, 1984

|                                    |                |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| £10,000 Treasury 12% Stock, 1984   | 10,046         | 10,134         |
| £10,200 Exchequer 12½% Stock, 1985 | 10,098         | 10,576         |
| £14,500 Exchequer 11½% Stock, 1986 | 14,006         | 15,007         |
| £13,228 Exchequer 10½% Stock, 1987 | 13,300         | 13,344         |
|                                    | <u>£47,450</u> | <u>£49,061</u> |
|                                    | 1983           | 1983           |
|                                    | <u>£34,150</u> | <u>£35,264</u> |

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Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Birmingham 1976 (reprinted  
from *Iraq* XXXIX (1977).

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FIFTY YEARS OF MESOPOTAMIAN DISCOVERY

edited by John Curtis

123 pp., 88 black-and-white illustrations, 8 colour plates (1982) £6.50