

Recent Publications

Abu Salabikh Excavations Volume I
THE WEST MOUND SURFACE CLEARANCE
by J. N. Postgate
with contributions by
E. McAdam, J. Eidem, and J. Crowfoot Payne
pp. vii, 110, pls. I-XII (1983). £9.50

THE MIDDLE BABYLONIAN LEGAL AND ECONOMIC
TEXTS FROM UR
by O. R. Gurney
203 pp., 4 pls. (1984). £12.00

CUNEIFORM TEXTS FROM NIMRUD
III: THE TABLETS FROM FORT SHALMANESER
by Stephanie Dalley & J. N. Postgate
289 pp., 50 pls. (1984). £24.00

The Journal **IRAQ** Vol. XLVI Parts 1 and 2 (1984) £15
(Please note that, beginning with volume XLVII (1985), *IRAQ* will
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for the year ended
31st March, 1985

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THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL
WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, 20-21 CORN-
WALL TERRACE, LONDON, N.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER,
1985, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR DR. JOHN CURTIS, 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

The Council records with deep regret the death on 8th February 1985 of Lord Trevelyan, K.G., G.C.M.G., until lately our President. During his long service in Iraq (including his years as H.B.M. Ambassador to Iraq, 1958-61), when he frequently visited the Nimrud excavations, he had been a most valued friend and supporter of the School.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 6th December 1984. The meeting marked the retirement from the Council and Executive Committee of Dr Donald Harden after thirty-five years' service, for which the School's thanks are due. Following the meeting the Director, Dr Michael Roaf, lectured on the second season of excavations at Tell Mohammed 'Arab in the Saddam (Eski Mosul) Dam Salvage Project.

Mr David Hawkins temporarily relinquished his position as Honorary Secretary for the period of his sabbatical year at London University, October 1984 to October 1985. Mr Christopher Walker was appointed as acting Honorary Secretary for the year.

The Director has indicated to the Council his wish to take a sabbatical year from excavating in order to have time to prepare final reports for publication. The Council has appointed Mr Warwick Ball as Field Director of the Eski Mosul excavations for one year from 1st April 1985.

The School's summer lecture was given by Dr Georgina Herrmann on 14th June 1984 under the title "The Nimrud Ivories in the 1980s".

During the year the School has published the third volume of *Cuneiform Texts from Nimrud*, by Stephanie Dalley and J. N. Postgate; the volume comprises the major part of the tablets found at Fort Shalmaneser during the years 1957 to 1963.

In Spring 1984, Professor Oates directed another successful season of excavations at Tell Brak, including the preliminary location of two Agade public buildings, a probable Mitannian palace, and the discovery of Uruk-type pictographic tablets.

This has been another busy year for our operations in Iraq and it seems probable that the present high level of activity will continue for the next few years.

The major research project of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq has been the continued participation in the Saddam (Eski Mosul) Dam Salvage Project where excavations in the area of

Babneet village have continued throughout the year, directed by Dr Michael Roaf (Director of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq) with Robert Killick (Secretary-Librarian of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq) as Assistant Director. At Tell Mohammed 'Arab the unexpectedly early flooding of the area in March brought work on the site to a close, though not before the stratigraphic sounding through the Ninevite 5 levels and the excavation of the Middle Assyrian South House had been completed. Reports on these excavations have been published in *Sumer* and *Iraq*.

As well as working at Tell Mohammed 'Arab, sondages were carried out at the village of Babneet and at the site of Qaradere; other sites in the area have been investigated with the co-operation of teams from Edinburgh University, Manchester University and the British Museum.

Dr Trevor Watkins and Dr Eddie Peltenburg of Edinburgh University directed the second season of excavations at Tell Kharabeh Shattani in May/June 1984. More remains of the Halaf period, including another tholos with stone foundations, and pits belonging to the mid-first millennium B.C. were found. An unexpected discovery was an occupation of the Hassuna period beneath the Halaf settlement, separated from it by a metre of natural soil.

From September to November, Mr Charles Burney of Manchester University directed the second season of excavations at Tell Wadi Khatkhun where they uncovered a sequence of stone buildings from the mid-first millennium B.C., the Old Assyrian period and the Akkadian period. In the lowest layers some 'Ubaid sherds were recovered.

From February to April 1985, a team from the British Museum led by Dr John Curtis excavated at Khirbet Khatuniyeh where stratified remains from the Hellenistic period to the early second millennium B.C. were found. The work concentrated on level 3 where the remains of a substantial building destroyed by fire, with all the artefacts left in situ, was excavated. A magnificent pottery ram's head rhyton was literally extracted from beneath the waters of the dam as they poured into the trench.

In the Spring of 1984, Mr Nicholas Postgate (assisted by the School Research Associate, Mrs Jane Killick) directed the continued programme of excavations and of surface scraping at the Sumerian city of Abu Salabikh.

Dr Jeremy Black, Assistant Director of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq, assisted in the excavations at Abu Salabikh. In the Iraq Museum, he copied tablets from Ur and from the Nabu Temple library at Nimrud as well as preparing a catalogue of *balag*

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(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)

INVESTMENTS 31 MARCH 1985

	Cost £	Market Value £
WORKING FUND		
East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable Preference Stock 1950/90	692	490
Metropolitan Trust Co. Ltd. 3½% Debenture Stock 1975/85	505	500
Exchequer 12½% Stock, 1985	597	595
20,749 Treasury 10% Stock, 1987	20,000	20,062
4,910 Treasury 11½% Stock, 1989	5,000	4,981
2,987 Treasury 10½% Stock, 1989	2,920	2,869
12,278 Treasury 10% Stock, 1990	11,778	11,403
	<u>£41,492</u>	<u>£40,900</u>
	1984	1984
	<u>£21,790</u>	<u>£22,010</u>

BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND

982 Treasury 11½% Stock, 1989	1,000	978
700 Treasury 10% Stock, 1990	672	624
	<u>£1,672</u>	<u>£1,602</u>
	1984	1984
	<u>£1,699</u>	<u>£1,725</u>

MALLOWAN FUND

2,600 Exchequer 12½% Stock, 1985	£2,500	£2,500
	<u>£2,500</u>	<u>£2,500</u>
	1984	1984
	<u>£2,500</u>	<u>£2,500</u>

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

10,200 Exchequer 12½% Stock, 1985	10,098	10,200
14,500 Exchequer 11½% Stock, 1986	14,006	14,491
13,228 Exchequer 10½% Stock, 1987	13,300	12,972
20,383 Exchequer 10½% Stock, 1988	20,000	19,797
20,798 Treasury 10½% Stock, 1989	20,000	19,979
10,455 Treasury 10% Stock, 1989	10,000	9,873
	<u>£87,404</u>	<u>£87,312</u>
	1984	1984
	<u>£47,450</u>	<u>£49,061</u>

Recent Publications

IVORIES FROM NIMRUD

FASCICULE III—FURNITURE FROM S.W.7
FORT SHALMANESER

Commentary, Catalogue and Plates
by Max Mallowan and Georgina Herrmann

120 pp. + 111 plates, 14 line drawing (1974). £10.50

CUNEIFORM TEXTS FROM NIMRUD

I: THE NIMRUD WINE LISTS

by J. V. Kinnier Wilson

167 pp., 54 pls. (1972). £6.00

II: THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE ARCHIVE

by J. N. Postgate

283 pp., 98 pls. (1973). £8.00

THE OLD BABYLONIAN TABLETS FROM TELL AL RIMAH

by Stephanie Dalley, C. B. F. Walker and J. D. Hawkins

272 pp., 112 pls. (1976). £16.00

TRADE IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST. Papers of the XXIIIrd Recontre Assyriologique Internationale, Birmingham 1976 (reprinted from *Iraq* XXXIX (1977)).

231 pp. £15.00

FIFTY YEARS OF MESOPOTAMIAN DISCOVERY

edited by John Curtis

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