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by G. Herrmann

with contributions by

K. A. Kitchen and A. R. Millard

2 volumes: part 1, commentary and catalogue, 288 pp;
part 2, 422 pp. of plates (1986)

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Report & Accounts

for the year ended

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH 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 WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1987, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR DR. JEREMY BLACK, 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 18th April 1986 of Mr. Charles Wilkinson, who as Curator of the Department of Ancient Near Eastern Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, gave major financial and practical help to the School's excavations at Nimrud.

We also record with regret the death on 29th July 1986 of Dr. Richard Barnett, sometime Keeper of Western Asiatic Antiquities in the British Museum, who was for many years a member of the Council and Executive Committee and a long-standing friend of the School.

We are pleased to welcome as new members of Council Mr. Peter Brown, representing the British Academy, Dr. S. M. Dalley, representing the Board of Oriental Studies, Oxford University, and Dr. S. R. F. Price, representing Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Mr. John Springford has resigned from the Council. Thanks are due to him for his assistance to the School over many years, both as British Council representative in Baghdad and, more recently, as the School's Hon. Treasurer.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th December 1986. Following the meeting Professor David Oates lectured on his excavations at Brak.

1986 saw the sixtieth anniversary of the death of Gertrude Bell, in whose memory the School was founded in 1932 with the assistance of the Gertrude Bell Memorial Fund. Appropriately the School's summer lecture, also jointly sponsored by the Royal Geographical Society, was given by Ms Lynn Ritchie on 29th May 1986 under the title "Gertrude Bell's photographs, letters and journals".

During the year the School has published the fourth fascicule (in two parts) of its series *Ivories from Nimrud*. Prepared by Dr. Georgina Herrmann, it describes and illustrates over 1,500 ivories found in Room SW 37 of Fort Shalmaneser.

Mrs. Jane Killick has been appointed as the School's Publications Secretary in succession to Dr. Dominique Collon.

In Iraq the School's major archaeological activity continued to be focused on the north of Iraq in the area to be flooded by the new Saddam Dam on the Tigris and in the Jezirah to the west, which is to be intensively developed agriculturally. We continue to support the overall rescue project directed by the Iraqi State Organisation for Antiquities and Heritage. In the autumn the Assistant Director, Mr. Warwick Ball, conducted a five month study season at Tell Afar analysing the results of the previous season's work at Tell Abu Dhahir in preparation for definitive publication. Future work is to be concentrated on the site of Tell Hawa, some 90 kilometres WNW of Mosul. A detailed surface survey of the main mound and immediately adjacent mounds covering an area of some 80 hectares, undertaken by Mr. David Tucker in Autumn 1986, revealed occupation

from Halaf to Islamic times with major occupation being recorded in the Uruk and Akkad periods; three late Assyrian cuneiform texts were also found. At the same time an extended survey of about five kilometres' radius around Tell Hawa, conducted by Dr. Tony Wilkinson, has begun to place the town in its wider setting, locating some thirty further sites in the vicinity, plotting the "hollow ways" which indicate the lines of ancient roads, and establishing the areas of ancient manuring and distribution of urban refuse which show the pattern of agricultural activity.

As a result of administrative difficulties in Baghdad, Iraqi support for excavation at Tell Hawa could not be provided on the scale originally expected, so preliminary excavation on the site in Spring 1987 was necessarily on a limited scale. Two months' work revealed evidence of monumental buildings of the second millennium on the main mound and began investigation of the Uruk city.

Dr. John Curtis of the British Museum continued his excavation of the Ilkhanid period church site at Khirbet Deir Situn in the Saddam Dam area.

In the Autumn of 1986 and again in the Spring of 1987 a small team from Edinburgh University led by Dr. Trevor Watkins and Dr. Ellen McAdam began excavation of Qermiz Dere, an aceramic Neolithic site in the town of Tell Afar.

At Samarra Dr. Alastair Northedge continued his surface survey of the early Islamic city, planning remains visible on the surface and sampling pottery.

At Abu Salabikh a team from New York State University at Binghamton, led by Dr. Susan Pollock, working under the auspices of the School, continued work on the Uruk Mound, adding a new chapter to the history of the site with the discovery of polychrome pottery of Jemdet Nasr style.

From March to May 1987 Professor David Oates directed another season of excavations at Tell Brak in Syria, continuing excavation of the palace of the Mitanni period.

The Director, Dr. Jeremy Black, has been busy copying literary texts from Nimrud in preparation for the next volume of *Cuneiform Texts from Nimrud*, in studying Sumerian literary texts, and in writing a contribution to the final report on the joint Belgian-British study of the wall of Nebuchadnezzar II.

The Secretary-Librarian, Mr. Roger Matthews, has continued his studies of third millennium clay sealings and sealing techniques.

Miss Wendy Knight was appointed as the School Fellow for the year. She has been making a comparative analysis of ceramic types in NW Iraq during the fourth millennium BC.

Travel grants were made to Dr. Tony Green (to study Nimrud figurines), Mr. St. John Simpson (to study Sasanian and Islamic pottery and sites), Miss Bronwen Morgan (to study evidence for the Roman presence in North Iraq), Mr. David Tucker (to develop a methodology of surface sampling within the Hawa project), Miss

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WORKING FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1987

1986 £	1987 £	1986 £	1987 £
LONDON EXPENDITURE		8,921	10,430
19,218 Journal	12,963	1,028	1,536
10,477 Salaries and office	11,977	143,500	135,200
	24,940	355	1,405
BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE		5,170	8,081
34,371 Staff	32,075	1,050	1,261
32,252 Rent	29,060		
25,001 House and school	23,719		
15,269 Fellowships and visiting scholars	11,024		
2,387 Library	3,855		
	99,733	68	9,342
— LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	239		—
AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES			
2,805 —vehicle purchased in year	10,718		
7,195 —further reserve	4,282		
1,783 LOSS ON EXCHANGE	1,533		
155 PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS	12		
— TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND	12,765		
9,719 SURPLUS FOR YEAR	3,711		
<u>£160,632</u>	<u>£157,933</u>	<u>£160,632</u>	<u>£157,933</u>

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1987

1986 £	1987 £	1986 £	1987 £
EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE		GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS	
37,618 Eski Mosul	—	13,756 National Geographical Society	—
— North Jazira Project	24,747	British Academy	—
33,961 Abu Salabikh	32,429	Eski Mosul	14,000
10,000 Tell Brak	5,000	North Jazira Project	7,500
— Samarra	4,000	Abu Salabikh	3,000
1,274 Sundries	—	British Museum	5,000
82,853	66,176	Abu Salabikh	3,000
		Tell Brak	5,000
23,712 SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS	19,388	Trinity College, Cambridge	4,000
31 PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS	99	Abu Salabikh	—
			33,500
		8,189 SALES	7,527
		9,711 INVESTMENT INCOME	3,186
		597 PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	—
		— TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND	12,765
		55,843 DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	28,685
<u>£106,596</u>	<u>£85,663</u>	<u>£106,596</u>	<u>£85,663</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.
5. STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS
No such statement has been prepared because in the opinion of the members of the Council the nature of the accounts makes it unnecessary.

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INVESTMENTS 31 MARCH 1987

WORKING FUND		Cost £	Market Value £
£	East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable Preference Stock, 1950/90	692	550
20,749	Treasury 10% Stock, 1987	20,000	20,749
4,210	Treasury 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ % Stock, 1989	4,287	4,370
23,785	Treasury 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Stock, 1989	22,920	24,357
20,383	Exchequer 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Stock, 1988	20,000	20,638
		<u>£67,899</u>	<u>£70,664</u>
	1986	<u>£61,199</u>	<u>£63,306</u>
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND			
1,682	Treasury 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Stock, 1989	£1,713	£1,746
	1986	<u>£1,713</u>	<u>£1,758</u>
MALLOWAN FUND			
2,552	Treasury 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Stock, 1985/88	£2,500	£2,528
	1986	<u>£2,500</u>	<u>£2,480</u>
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND			
10,455	Exchequer 10% Stock, 1989	£10,000	£10,618
	1986	<u>£30,000</u>	<u>£31,005</u>

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FIFTY YEARS OF MESOPOTAMIAN DISCOVERY

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THE WEST MOUND SURFACE CLEARANCE

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E. McAdam, J. Eiden, 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