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Report & Accounts
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31st March, 1990

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THE FIFTY-SEVENTH 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 TUESDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 1990, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR DR. TREVOR WATKINS, 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.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Council records with deep regret the death on 22nd December 1989 of Lady Charlotte Bonham Carter, a Vice-President of the School and a member of Council from 1933. Her husband, Sir Edgar, was a moving spirit in the foundation of the School, giving great service as its first Chairman (1932-50), and Lady Bonham Carter herself took a close interest in the School's affairs for more than fifty years, until her death. Amongst her gifts to the School was the endowment of a Bonham Carter Memorial Lecture, the first of which was given by Professor Seton Lloyd in 1975. The Council wishes to express its sense of regret at the loss of her much valued services to the Council and its profound gratitude for her loyalty and generosity to the School. Lady Mallowan represented the School at the Memorial Service held in St. Paul's Cathedral on 30th March 1990.

The Council also records with regret the death on 21st June 1989 of Dr. Edmond Sollberger who was Keeper of Western Asiatic Antiquities at the British Museum and who had given long service to the School as a member of Council and the Executive Committee from 1962 to 1988.

We are pleased to report that the Hon. Anna Plowden has been elected as the Life Member of Council representing the family of the late Gertrude Bell. Dr. John Curtis and Mr. Nicholas Postgate have been appointed to represent the British Museum and the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Cambridge University respectively in succession to Mr. Terence Mitchell and Mr. J. V. Kinnier Wilson. We are pleased to welcome as new members of Council Dr. Georgina Herrmann and Mrs. Amélie Kuhrt.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 23rd November 1989. Following the meeting, Mr. Nicholas Postgate lectured on "Re-assembling a Sumerian city: Abu Salabikh 1985-89".

The eighth Bonham Carter Memorial Lecture was given by Dr. Julian Reade on 1st June 1989 under the title "Hormuzd Rassam and his Discoveries".

The School was pleased to co-operate with the Arab Club of Britain in arranging a lecture entitled "The Gold Treasures of Nimrud" which was held at the British Museum on 22nd March 1990. One of the most remarkable discoveries in Iraq since the excavation of the Royal Cemetery at Ur has been the uncovering of three royal tombs at Nimrud in 1988/89, with their spectacular contents. The School was delighted to join the Arab Club in welcoming Dr. Tariq Madhloum and the excavators, Mr. Manhal Jabr and Mr. Muzahem Hussain.

During the year, the School has published the second volume in its new series *Iraq Archaeological Reports*, entitled *Excavations at Tell Rubeid-neh*, edited by R. G. Killick. An index to *Iraq* vols. 31-50, prepared by Mrs. Jane Killick, was also published and distributed with *Iraq* 51.

Dr. Graham Philip relinquished the post of Secretary/Librarian in Baghdad in order to take up the position of Assistant Director at the British Institute in Amman on 1st October 1989. Miss Helen McDonald was appointed in his place and took up her post in September 1989.

In Iraq, the Director conducted a second season of excavations in the Autumn at Jemdet Nasr, where a new dig house was built. Deposits of the late Uruk, Jemdet Nasr and Early Dynastic I periods were investigated with the aim of elucidating the inter-relationships of these three phases of the proto-historic period. A total of 180 clay sealings of Early Dynastic I date was retrieved and an intact late Uruk burial was excavated. It is hoped to undertake a third season at the earliest opportunity.

The Assistant Director conducted a further field season in the North Jazira in Autumn 1989 with survey and post-excavation work continued in January/February 1990. A total of 184 sites has been recorded, covering an area of some 470 square kilometres. In addition, a small site, Khirbet Aloki, was partially excavated. It is proposed to publish a monograph on archaeological settlement systems within northern Iraq, with emphasis on the North Jazira Project area, as a volume in the series *Iraq Archaeological Reports*. Mr. Wilkinson also carried out geomorphological research in connection with field projects at Tell ed-Der, Abu Duwari, Abu Salabikh, Qermez Dere, Nineveh and Samarra.

Miss Helen McDonald, in addition to her administrative duties, was able to continue her research on late Assyrian pottery from Nimrud and to complete a report on beads from Tell Brak.

The 1989 season at Abu Salabikh (with Mr. Postgate as Project Director and Dr. Matthews as Field Director) was divided, as usual, between surface clearance and excavation. Surface clearance revealed more house plans on the Main Mound and part of a large building on the South Mound. Excavation was concentrated in two large ED III houses and in an industrial area at the north end of the Main Mound, where a potter's house or workshop yielded an important group of seal impressions. The majority of finds comprised jewellery and copper or pottery vessels accompanying burials; more fragments of cuneiform tablets were found in the 6H82 house. The investigation of this house, a substantial Sumerian residence, is now completed and its publication will form a volume of the *Abu Salabikh Excavations* series, after vol. 4 on the Ash Tip (due shortly). Each room of the 5G65 house has now been sounded and micromorphological samples taken by Mrs. Wendy Matthews.

Dr. Alastair Northedge concluded a season of survey and excavation at Samarra in Spring 1990. Sondages on the *tell* at Qadisiya revealed a sequence from the Umayyad period to about the 14th century A.D. A regional survey produced a large number of new sites.

Professor David Oates continued excavations at Tell Brak in Spring 1990, when the Akkadian and post-Akkadian buildings in Areas SS and FS were further explored. The huge SS complex is the only known Akkadian monumental building which survives above floor-level: walls were decorated with moulded plaster ornament and with elaborate rebated niches and recesses. Ritual deposits included a large number of sealings and a calcite statue of a recumbent human-headed bull c.40 cm. long. Area FS is essentially a domestic quarter of Akkadian and post-Akkadian date. A small area was cleared in the Mitanni palace in Area HH, where a fragment of a cuneiform tablet was found, possibly a letter in Hurrian.

In Autumn 1989, Dr. John Curtis (on behalf of the British Museum) directed a season of survey and excavation at Nimrud and Balawat. In Fort Shalmaneser, Room T20 was excavated; finds included an ivory plaque in Assyrian style, decorative glazed bricks (with Aramaic fitters' marks) and horse trappings. At Balawat, a contour and sherd survey was carried out, together with the excavation of a trial trench.

Dr. Trevor Watkins (on behalf of Edinburgh University) continued his excavations at the aceramic site of Qermez Dere, where extraordinary domestic architecture was found; also good samples of animal bone and carbonized plant remains (all of which are wild, not domesticated).

The School Fellow for the year was Dr. Erica Hunter, who is engaged on research on incantation bowls in the Iraq Museum. Travel grants were made to Dr. Bendt Alster (to study cuneiform texts in the Iraq Museum, as the School's Visiting Scholar), Alan Lupton (to study trade relations between

Iraq and the Gulf in the late Uruk and Early Dynastic periods), Lady Mallowan (to take part in the British Museum excavations at Nimrud and Balawat), Mrs. Maxwell Hyslop (to study recently excavated Assyrian jewellery from Nimrud and Ashur), John Pamment Salvatore (to undertake field research on Parthian and Sassanian settlements in the vicinity of Tell al-Hawa). The Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Leri Davies, was granted leave of absence to take part in the excavations at Abu Salabikh in the Spring and the British Museum excavations at Nimrud/Balawat in the Autumn.

Extensive repairs and the construction of a new room off the courtyard at the School's Baghdad premises have greatly improved the comfort and security of the house. Apart from the School's own excavation teams, visitors to the Expedition house included Dr. John Curtis and his Nimrud/Balawat team; Dr. Trevor Watkins and his Qermez Dere team; Professor Chaudhuri, investigating Islamic sites; Dr. R. Englund, working on archaic texts from Ur and Jemdet Nasr; Professor J. Friberg, collaborating with Dr. F. al Rawi on mathematical texts; Dr. G. Herrmann working on Nimrud ivories; Mr. (and Mrs.) Peter Hulin, studying material in the Iraq Museum.

As always, the School wishes to record its gratitude to the Iraqi Department of Antiquities and Heritage and, in particular, to its Director Dr. Mu'ayyad Sa'id Damerji, for their unfailing support and co-operation.

Once again, we have to thank the British Academy for its continuing financial support. In the year under review, we incurred a small deficit on the Working Fund mainly because we decided to publish a Journal which was particularly large to accommodate the additional material available. We were able to contain our London office expenditure despite inflation. In Baghdad, staff costs rose as we had three employees for the whole year, which was not the case in the previous year, and other expenditure rose in line with inflation. We also incurred a deficit in our Special Publications and Excavations Fund as we decided to carry out as full a programme of excavations as possible. Current events have caused us to be content with this decision.

Messrs. Pridie Brewster were appointed the School's Auditors, in place of BDO Binder Hamlyn, at the Annual General Meeting on 23rd November 1989.

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BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1990

	1989	1990	1989	1990	1990
	£	£	£	£	£
8,200		8,200			
ENDOWMENT FUND					
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND					
Balance at 1 April 1989	2,832	8,200	8,200		8,200
Add: investment income	294				2,922
Less: lecture fee	(100)				2,552
	2,832	3,026			77,466
MALLOWAN FUND					
Balance at 1 April 1989	2,481				25,448
Add: investment income	226	2,707			116,588
WORKING FUND					
Balance at 1 April 1989	91,659				1,743
Less: deficit for the year	(5,207)				3,495
	91,659	86,452			10,000
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND					
Balance at 1 April 1989	40,277				4,854
Less: deficit for the year	(7,214)				—
	40,277				155
CAPITAL RESERVE	5,504				26,595
RESERVE FOR RENEWAL OF VEHICLES	14,271				—
CREDITORS	2,037				26,750
	£167,261	£163,430	£167,261	£163,430	£163,430
			D. OATES		
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			G. J. WARREN		
			Hon. Treasurer		

We have examined the financial statements set out in pages 7 to 10 in accordance with auditing standards. Where we have been unable to obtain independent confirmation of the completeness of the transactions in Iraq, and of subscriptions and sales of publications, we have accepted assurances from the Chairman and Treasurer that all transactions have been reflected in the records. Subject to the foregoing, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31 March 1990 and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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WORKING FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1990

1989		1990		1989		1990	
£		£	£	£		£	£
	LONDON EXPENDITURE			11,439	SUBSCRIPTIONS		11,753
16,883	Journal	25,367		3,195	SALES OF JOURNAL		2,735
13,048	Office	13,454		145,000	BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT		152,000
<u>29,931</u>			38,821	—	GERTRUDE BELL TRUST INCOME		—
	BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE			306	PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS		35
30,008	Staff	40,504		1,065	VARIOUS DONATIONS		742
25,940	Rent	26,334			INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS		
29,856	House and school	38,026			Dividends	7,812	
16,051	Fellowships and visiting scholars	10,950			Bank deposit interest	1,796	
3,120	Library	3,457					9,608
<u>104,975</u>			119,271	11,084	PROFIT ON EXCHANGE		1,057
	AMOUNTS SET ASIDE TOWARDS			1,795	DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		5,207
10,000	RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES	—					
2,300	PREPARATION OF PUBLICATIONS	3,545					
	TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS						
20,000	AND EXCAVATIONS FUND	21,500					
6,678	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	—					
<u>£173,884</u>		<u>£183,137</u>		<u>£173,884</u>			<u>£183,137</u>

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1990

1989		1990		1989		1990	
£		£	£	£		£	£
	EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE				GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS		
18,266	North Jazira Project	8,780			Abu Salabikh		
33,075	Abu Salabikh	7,271		4,000	Trinity College, Cambridge		4,000
6,019	Samarra	875		32,420	Various		—
—	Tell Brak	6,500			North Jazira Project		
5,883	Jemdet Nasr	16,314		750	G. A. Wainwright Fund		1,660
<u>63,243</u>		<u>39,740</u>		11,134	Various		—
	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS			48,304			5,660
2,092		388		4,858	SALES		2,745
8,872	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	—		1,045	INVESTMENT INCOME		2,554
				—	PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS		455
				20,000	TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND		21,500
				—	DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		7,214
<u>£74,207</u>		<u>£40,128</u>		<u>£74,207</u>			<u>£40,128</u>

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- 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.
- FOREIGN CURRENCY**
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- GRANTS, DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**
Grants, donations and subscriptions have been accounted for on a received basis.
- 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.
- POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT**
Since the balance sheet date, the School's assets in Iraq totalling approximately £3,000 have been frozen for the foreseeable future.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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	Investments 31 March 1990	Cost £	Market Value £
INVESTMENTS 31 MARCH 1990			
ENDOWMENT FUND			
Income shares in Charities Official Investment Fund		£8,200	£40,415
	1989	£8,200	£38,539
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND			
Treasury 10½% Stock 1992		£2,922	£2,630
	1989	£2,922	£2,771
MALLOWAN FUND			
Treasury 9% Stock 1994		£2,552	£2,171
	1989	£2,552	£2,369
WORKING FUND			
Treasury 8% Stock 1992		20,383	18,642
Treasury 10½% Stock 1992		5,204	4,697
Treasury 12½% Stock 1993		30,276	29,306
Treasury 13½% Stock 1993		21,603	20,300
		£77,466	£72,945
	1989	£69,899	£68,114
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND			
Treasury 10% Stock 1990		15,008	14,625
Treasury 10½% Stock 1992		10,440	9,502
		£25,448	£24,127
	1989	£25,008	£25,003

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