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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE **BRITISH ACADEMY**, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.1., ON **WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 1976**, AT **5 p.m.**, TO HEAR **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. AT THIS MEETING THE SCHOOL'S FIRST GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO MESOPOTAMIAN ARCHAEOLOGY WILL BE PRESENTED TO SIR MAX MALLOWAN.

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

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

It is with pleasure that we report that Sir John Pope-Hennessy, Director of the British Museum, has joined our Council, as has Sir John Richmond as representative of the University of Durham in succession to Professor T. W. Thacker who had been a member of Council since 1953.

Negotiations have been continued throughout the year with the Iraq Government for the official reinstatement of the School, its hostel and library. This is linked with the revision of the Anglo-Iraqi cultural agreement and may well take some time to resolve. Meanwhile the co-operation of the Iraq Department of Antiquities continues and is appreciated. A British archaeological presence in Iraq has been maintained throughout the year in Baghdad where Mr. Nicholas Postgate, as Director of the British Archeological Expedition in Iraq, has continued his researches on Old Akkadian and Neo-Assyrian texts and published several articles. He has also made preparation for major work at the third millennium site of Abū Salabikh for which a permit has been granted. We confidently expect to find there written evidence as well as substantial archaeological remains of Sumerian civilisation—a task which has not been seriously tackled by us for forty years, since the closing of the major excavations at Ur. Work has now commenced in the autumn of 1975.

The site of our previous excavations at Umm Dabaghiyah has now been filled in for protection and, after study, the sherd collections have been returned there. In Baghdad, Mrs. Diana Helbaek, the excavator and former Director, has continued her technological studies of the finds made there with the assistance of Mrs. D. Moffatt (Draughtswoman), Dr. Sandor Bokonyi (animal bones) and Dr. Soren Berthelsen. The concession on the site now reverts to the Iraq Government. Mrs. C. Postgate completed her work on Tell el-Rimah pottery, and a collection of sherds from the first season's work there has now been returned to the site.

In February the Vice-Chairman carried out a survey of sites in the Khabur basin of Eastern Syria with the support of the School and the generous co-operation of the Syrian authorities. It is hoped that the School, in association with the Institute of Archaeology, University of London, will sponsor an expedition under Prof. Oates' direction in the Spring of 1976 to resume excavation at the site of Tell Brak, previously excavated under the School's auspices by Sir Max Mallowan from 1936-38.

We made grants to Mrs. Rosemary Ellison (University of London Institute of Archaeology) and Miss K. Beatty (University of

Birmingham) to enable them to carry out research on ancient food technology and Akkadian texts respectively. In addition four other students were helped with their research work while in Baghdad.

The School has instituted a medal for presentation as occasion offers to scholars deemed to have rendered outstanding services to Mesopotamian archaeology. This year we have published yet another important volume in the notable series which is the scholarly record of the great collection of ivories discovered at Nimrud in *Ivories from Nimrud Volume III* (Furniture from SW7 Fort Shalmaneser) by Sir Max Mallowan and Georgina Herrmann.

On behalf of the Council,

D. J. WISEMAN,

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Recent Publications

IVORIES FROM NIMRUD
FASCICULE III—FURNITURE FROM SW.7
FORT SHALMANESER

Commentary, Catalogue and Plates
by Max Mallowan and Georgina Herrmann
120 pp. + 111 plates, 14 line drawings (1974). £10.50.

The Journal **IRAQ** Vol. XXXVI (1974) £7. In honour of
Sir Max Mallowan

The Journal **IRAQ** Vol. XXXVII Parts 1 and 2 (1975) £7.

CUNEIFORM TEXTS FROM NIMRUD

I: THE NIMRUD WINE LISTS

by J. V. Kinnier Wilson
167 pp., 54 pls. (1972). £5.00.

II: THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE ARCHIVE

by J. N. Postgate
283 pp., 98 pls. (1973). £8.00.