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1947

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AT CHATHAM HOUSE (10 St. JAMES'S SQUARE) ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1948, AT 5.30 o'clock, 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 FOR 1947

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Sir Henry Mack, British Ambassador in Baghdad, has been elected Vice-President. Mr. D. B. Harden, Miss L. H. Jeffery and Miss K. M. Kenyon have been appointed, and Professor Gordon Childe and Brigadier Stephen Longrigg co-opted, as members of the Council. The names of Gertrude Bell and Hugh Bell have been added to the list of Founders.

Professor Mallowan arrived in Iraq just after the year ended and spent four months there as Director of the School. Receiving every facility from the Antiquities Department, he spent a week at Eridu and made a preliminary survey of the country between the upper and lower Zab rivers. Soundings made at three sites in collaboration with Dr. Mahmud al Amin of the Antiquities Department proved that the Zab plain was important politically and economically in the great days of the Assyrian Empire. At old Mahmur an Assyrian fort and other buildings earlier than the seventh century B.C. were discovered. This district promises to yield important historical material in the future.

Dr. Oliver Gurney spent three months in Iraq as Fellow of the School and copied 44 tablets of the Middle Babylonian (Kassite) period which the Government of Iraq had excavated at Agar Quf. These will be published in the School Journal.

Mr. T. Burton Brown was elected to a Fellowship of the School for studies in the Tabriz and Lake Urmia areas.

Many books and journals have been added to the school library, which is housed by the Institute of Archaeology, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, and may be used on application to the Librarian.

A further grant of £150 has been made for Lady Drower's translation of the Sfar Malwasia (Book of the Zodiac).

The 1947 volume of the School journal *Iraq* contains the final account of Professor Mallowan's excavations at Brak and Chagar Bazar, in north-east Syria, where the palace built by a King of Agade and the "eye-temple," with its golden frieze, "eye-idols" and beautifully carved animal-amulets, demonstrate the accomplishments of civilized society in Mesopotamia during the third millennium B.C. The first part contains an account of town and country life, written for both the general reader and the specialist; the second part describes the antiquities and discusses the spiritual and material development of early man. 87 plates and numerous line drawings illustrate the high level of craftsmanship.

The 1948 volume is being published in two parts.

The accounts for the year 1947 herewith, which have been audited by Mr. Harold Lakeman without charge, include the Treasury grant of £3,000, but most of this sum was expended—on the purposes stated above—during the first three months of 1948. For the current year a grant of £4,000 is promised, and plans for extending the School's activities in Iraq are under consideration.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

E. BONHAM-CARTER, *Chairman*.

E. H. KEELING, *Hon. Secretary*.

*August, 1948.*

