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Report & Accounts

for the year ended

31st March, 1992

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THE FIFTY-NINTH 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, 2nd DECEMBER, 1992, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR PROFESSOR DAVID OATES, 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

Mr. Christopher Walker, who had acted as the School's Hon. Secretary for seven years, relinquished this position in December 1991 and Mrs. L. Glynne Davies was appointed Secretary. Warm thanks are due to Mr. Walker for his energetic and devoted service to the School.

Dr. Jane McIntosh has taken over from Mrs. Jane Killick as Assistant Secretary (Publications). Again, thanks are due to Mrs. Killick for her efforts on the School's behalf.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th December 1991. Following the meeting, Mr. Tony Wilkinson (Assistant Director) lectured on "Town and Country in Upper Mesopotamia: the Rise and Decay of Early Bronze Age Towns".

The ninth Bonham Carter Memorial lecture was given by Dr. Alastair Northedge on Wednesday, 12th June 1991 under the title "Survey and Excavations at Samarra".

Although the general situation and the U.N.'s restrictions on currency transactions with Iraq have precluded any resumption by the School of its normal research activity in Iraq after June 1990, local staff in Baghdad have shown great loyalty and devotion and have continued to take care of School premises and property. A U.N. mission (sent to supervise the return of antiquities to Kuwait) reported some war damage to archaeological sites, including Ur, and to the fabric of the Iraq Museum in Baghdad. Sadly, some local museums were subsequently damaged and antiquities looted. Following an overture from Dr. Damerji, Director-General of the Department of Antiquities and Heritage, the Director and Assistant Director of the School applied for visas towards the end of 1991 with a view to making short visits to Iraq in order to discuss the general archaeological situation and the affairs of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq.

The Director, Dr. R. J. Matthews, has completed his work on a volume entitled "Cities, Seals and Writing: Archaic Seal Impressions from Jemdet Nasr and Ur", to be published in Berlin as volume 2 of the series *Materialien zu den frühen Schriftzeugnissen des Vorderen Orients*. The volume includes a full iconographic discussion of the Jemdet Nasr tablet seal impressions, an analysis of their role within the archaic administrative system attested by the tablets, and a full publication of all known "city seal impressions" from Jemdet Nasr, Ur and Uruk. He has also completed an article for *Iraq* on the 1920s material from Jemdet Nasr and a general survey of the Jemdet Nasr period for *Biblical Archaeologist*. He and Mrs. Wendy Matthews participated in the Spring 1992 season of excavations at Tell Brak.

The Assistant Director, Mr. Tony Wilkinson, accepted a post as Research Associate at the Oriental Institute, Chicago, from 1st January 1992 and was given leave of absence for this purpose. Mr. Wilkinson has completed his report on the North Jazira Project, which is shortly to be published in the School's series *Iraq Archaeological Reports*.

The Secretary-Librarian, Miss Helen McDonald, has completed a register of Nimrud pottery (now in the British Museum), is organizing a Nimrud archive and constructing a database for the Nimrud collections in general. She also took part in the excavations at Tell Brak in Spring 1992.

Although the School has been unable to resume research and survey in Iraq, in accordance with its charter (which defines the School's sphere of interest as "Iraq and the neighbouring countries"), support has been given to Professor Oates's excavations at Tell Brak, a continuation of the late Sir Max Mallowan's work there under the School's auspices in 1937-38, and to the London-Bahrain Archaeological Expedition's excavations at Saar, directed by Dr. Harriet Crawford, Dr. Robert Killick and Mrs. Jane Killick. The work at Tell Brak has concentrated on the exploration of two large Akkadian religious complexes and, in another area, a very informative stratigraphic investigation of late 4th and early 3rd millennium buildings. A report on the 1990 and 1991 seasons appeared in *Iraq* 53 (1991). The third season of excavations took place from December 1991 to March 1992 at Saar, the first settlement site dating to the Dilmun period (c.2000-1750 B.C.) to be extensively investigated using modern methods. Saar is essentially a single period settlement with a temple on the highest point and a lower town with a layout of remarkable regularity. Collection of environmental data has revealed the presence of domesticated ovicaprids and bovinds, gazelle, fish, shellfish, dates, wheat and barley. Seals and seal impressions, copper objects and a large number of stone grinding tools have been found. Commercial activities are suggested by the discovery of stamp seals of both the Persian Gulf and Dilmun types.

In view of the political situation, Fellowships and grants were not advertised for 1991/92. However, grants were made to the following: Mr. Carl Phillips to study an 'Ubaid influenced site at Umm al Qaiwain in the United Arab Emirates; Dr. Alastair Northedge, Mr. Derek Kennet and Mr. Andrew Petersen to prepare for publication the Samarra survey; Mr. David Tucker to enable him to prepare for publication his sherd survey of Balawat.

The reduced activity of the School is reflected in the attached accounts. The grant sought from the British Academy was much smaller than in preceding years; we are most grateful, nevertheless, for their continuing support. The School has continued to be successful in its own fund-raising, as shown in the Special Publications & Excavations Fund. Working Fund expenditure on staff and rent in Baghdad represents commitments undertaken before activities in Iraq were suspended. This expenditure is now much reduced.

D. OATES
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BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1992

1991		1992		1991		1992	
£		£	£	£		£	£
8,200	ENDOWMENT FUND		8,200		INVESTMENTS (at cost)		
	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND			8,200	ENDOWMENT FUND		8,200
	Balance at 1 April 1991	3,320		2,922	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND		2,922
	Add: investment income	294		2,552	MALLOWAN FUND		2,552
3,320	Less: expenditure	(335)	3,279	77,466	WORKING FUND	+30K	77,466
	MALLOWAN FUND			25,263	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND	+15K	45,295
	Balance at 1 April 1991	2,542		116,403	TOAL INVESTMENTS		136,435
2,542	Add: investment income	226	2,768	2,942	INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE		3,211
	WORKING FUND			3,650	DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE		8,776
	Balance at 1 April 1991	100,983			BALANCES AT BANK		
100,983	Add: surplus for the year	6,070	107,053		On current account	6,628	
	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND				On deposit account	69,968	76,596
	Balance at 1 April 1991	45,066		50,097	CASH IN HAND		
45,066	Add: surplus for the year	17,459	62,525	152	London		66
	RESERVE FOR RENEWAL OF VEHICLES						
	Balance at 1 April 1991		9,085				
9,085	CREDITORS		32,174				
4,048							
<u>£173,244</u>		<u>£225,084</u>		<u>£173,244</u>		<u>£225,084</u>	

D. OATES *Chairman*
G. J. WARREN *Hon. Treasurer*

We have audited the financial statements set out in pages 6 to 9 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 1992 and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

PRIDIE BREWSTER
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

London, 24th August 1992

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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WORKING FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1992

1991		1992		1991		1992	
£		£	£	£		£	£
	LONDON EXPENDITURE			14,276	SUBSCRIPTIONS		11,492
18,846	Journal	23,683		2,926	SALES OF JOURNAL		8,809
16,033	Office	16,778		156,500	BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT		97,000
34,879			40,461		GERTRUDE BELL TRUST		1,839
	BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE			2,240	VARIOUS DONATIONS		390
36,360	Staff	35,917		11,001	DIVIDENDS		11,099
27,399	Rent	30,000		1,373	INTEREST		4,280
12,544	House and school	14,770					
6,995	Fellowships and visiting scholars	3,944					
1,012	Library						
84,310			84,631				
	AMOUNTS SET ASIDE TOWARDS RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES						
10,000							
4,759	PREPARATION OF PUBLICATIONS		3,747				
2,782	LOSS ON EXCHANGE						
15,559	PROVISIONS						
	TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND						
27,000							
9,027	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		6,070				
<u>£188,316</u>		<u>£134,909</u>		<u>£188,316</u>		<u>£134,909</u>	

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1992

1991 £	EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE	1992 £	1991 £	GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS	1992 £
3,254	North Jazira Project	—		Abu Salabikh	
8,600	Abu Salabikh	4,000	4,000	Trinity College, Cambridge	4,000
5,000	Tell Brak	12,000	600	British Academy	—
1,767	Jemdet Nasr	—		North Jazira Project	—
—	Saar	2,500	950	Society of Antiquaries	—
18,621		18,500	2,750	British Academy	—
			8,300		4,000
9,466	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS	2,110		GRANTS FOR PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS	
8	LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	—		Museum of Fine Arts, San Francisco	24,554
12,003	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	17,459		British Museum	5,000
			2,236	SALES	876
			2,562	INVESTMENT INCOME	3,639
			27,000	TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND	—
<u>£40,098</u>		<u>£38,069</u>	<u>£40,098</u>		<u>£38,069</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 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 at 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, DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**
Grants, donations and subscriptions have been accounted for on a received basis.
 5. **ASSETS IN IRAQ**
In the year ended 31st March 1991 full provision was made against the School's assets in Iraq totalling £15,559.
 6. **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**
The School has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from producing a cash flow statement.

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INVESTMENTS 31 MARCH 1992

	Cost £	Market Value £
ENDOWMENT FUND		
8,149 Income shares in Charities Official Investment Fund	8,200	40,765
	<u>8,200</u>	<u>40,765</u>
1991	£8,200	£42,273
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND		
2,800 Treasury 10½% Stock 1992	2,922	2,800
	<u>2,922</u>	<u>2,800</u>
1991	£2,922	£2,791
MALLOWAN FUND		
2,507 Treasury 9% Stock 1994	2,552	2,446
	<u>2,552</u>	<u>2,446</u>
1991	£2,552	£2,416
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND		
10,115 Treasury 10½% Stock 1992	10,440	10,115
15,015 Treasury 10½% Stock 1992	14,823	15,015
20,000 Treasury 10% Stock 1994	20,032	19,900
	<u>£45,295</u>	<u>£40,030</u>
1991	£25,448	£25,051
WORKING FUND		
20,772 Treasury 8% Stock 1992	20,383	20,772
5,000 Treasury 10½% Stock 1992	5,204	5,000
30,000 Treasury 12½% Stock 1993	30,276	30,684
20,000 Treasury 13½% Stock 1993	21,603	20,975
	<u>£77,466</u>	<u>£77,431</u>
1991	£77,466	£78,010

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTION TO IRAQ

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