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NEW PUBLICATIONS

LITERARY TEXTS FROM THE TEMPLE OF NABŪ

(Cuneiform Texts from Nimrud, vol.4)

by

D.J. Wiseman and J.A. Black

x, 62pp; 144 plates of cuneiform copies; 13 plates of photographs;

(1996) 0 903472 15 5 £45

SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH JAZIRA, IRAQ

A Study of the Archaeological Landscape

(Iraq Archaeological Reports No.3)

by

T.J. Wilkinson & D.J. Tucker

240pp, 81 figs., 3 fold-outs, 12 pls; (1995) limp 0 85668 658 1 £35

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE ROOMS OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, 20-21 CORNWALL TERRACE, LONDON, NW1, ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1996, TO CONSIDER PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED AT 5.00 p.m. BY THE SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TO HEAR DR JEREMY BLACK, TO CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTS, THE BALANCE SHEET AND THE REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITORS; TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL; TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR AND FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERTY BE TRANSACTED.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Council records with deep sorrow the death on 7th January 1996 aged 93 of Professor Seton Lloyd, who served on the Council from 1963 and as President from 1979 to 1982. The School, jointly with the Institute of Archaeology, University College London and the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara, sponsored a memorial lecture by Professor David Hawkins on 27th June 1996. To mark his 80th birthday in 1982, the School dedicated volume 44 of *IRAQ* to Professor Seton Lloyd and a short account of his services to Mesopotamian archaeology may be found there on pp.ii - iii, from the pen of Professor Hawkins.

The Council also records with great sadness the death of Mr Robert Hamilton on 25th September 1995, two months before his 90th birthday. Mr Hamilton was a School Fellow and Secretary-Librarian for seven months in 1948/49 and was responsible for setting up the School in Karradet Mariam. He participated in the Nimrud excavations from 1948 to 1955 and served on the Council from 1954 to 1977.

At its meeting on 15th June 1995, Council elected Professor Oliver Gurney a Vice-President of the School in recognition of his long and valuable service to the School as a member of Council.

During the year, heeding the advice of the Charity Commissioners and following a recommendation of the Academy's Review Committee (see below), Council has been reconsidering the composition of the Council and the mechanisms for electing Council members and Officers with a view to proposing changes in the Constitution of the School at an Extraordinary General Meeting in December 1996.

The thirteenth Bonham Carter Memorial Lecture was given on 15th June 1995 by Professor Mogens Trolle Larsen on "Hincks versus Rawlinson: the Decipherment of the Cuneiform System of Writing".

The Annual General Meeting was held on 7th December 1995. Following the meeting, Dr. Roger Matthews lectured on "Early Urban Society in Northern Mesopotamia: Current Research at Tell Brak, Syria".

During the year, Officers of the School were interviewed in connection with the British Academy's Review of Schools and Institutes Overseas and an interim report containing the recommendations of the Review Committee was published in October 1995. The Academy, as principal provider of funds from public sources, is to take a larger rôle in formulating overall strategy and influencing the work of individual Schools, Institutes and Societies. To this end, it has set up a Board for Academy-Sponsored Institutes and Societies (BASIS) which will be responsible for co-ordinating strategy and for framing

financial bids to the Academy's Council. BASIS will be responsible for an overall mission statement, will apportion the grant made available by the Council of the Academy and will monitor performance and expenditure. The report also recommends that the Councils of the various institutions should be reduced in number to about ten and that, as far as possible, administration should be transferred from the U.K. to the Institute overseas. Any remaining secretarial and administrative functions are to be performed by a new, centralized British Academy secretariat and, once this is in place, the Academy will cease to fund the U.K. secretariats of individual institutions. It is recommended that the Academy should no longer support physical bases in Iraq (or Iran) but that both institutions should be funded as Societies with continuing support being given to research projects through BASIS. The Academy's current policy is ultimately to consolidate the present Near Eastern Schools and Institutes into a single Institute for Near Eastern Studies, possibly in Amman. The suggestion that the School should cease to maintain any physical base (however modest) in Baghdad has met with considerable resistance from this School's Council which has made clear its wish to reserve the option of returning in due course to pursue its academic activities in Iraq. However, following the transfer of the library to the British Embassy in Baghdad, it is intended to give up for the time being the present Expedition house. The Council nevertheless believes that the School should strive to continue worthwhile academic activities in Iraq, for which it has the warm encouragement of the Iraqi Directorate of Antiquities, for as long as its income and reserves permit. For the time being, while fieldwork in Iraq remains impracticable, Council has agreed to give substantial support for post-excavation work in a determined effort to clear the publications backlog. To this end, no fieldwork is envisaged until at least 1999 but serious consideration is being given to the School's long-term planning for fieldwork either within Iraq (circumstances permitting) or in neighbouring countries such as Syria or the Gulf. The final repercussions and practical implications of the Review are not yet entirely clear and many issues remain to be discussed and resolved.

The Chairman and Dr Joan Oates made a private visit to Baghdad from 22nd September to 3rd October 1995 to attend the Babylon Festival.

Dr Roger Matthews (Director of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq) was appointed Acting Director of the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara for one year from 1st October 1995, on secondment from the School. However, by special arrangement, he was able to conduct a third season of excavation at Tell Brak, as planned, from March to May 1996. Excavations proceeded in five trenches, spanning periods from the early 4th to early 2nd millennia B.C. Samples for analysis within the remit of the Leverhulme Trust project were processed and studies in plant and faunal remains, lithic material, micromorphology and ancient ceramic technology were also carried out. In Trench HS6, several phases of occupation were dated by pottery and stamp seal impressions to Early Middle Uruk or Late Early Uruk. In Trench HS1 finds

finds included typical Middle Uruk pottery and a range of clay sealings with stamp seal impressions. In Trench HS4 the excavation of a late Ninevite 5 building, almost certainly a temple, was completed: in a room with internal benches along two walls, a brick altar stood in front of a bitumen-coated depression in the floor and from within the altar came an assemblage of objects including several hundred clay sealings with cylinder seal impressions, a flint blade, model chariot wheel, bones of small animals and a clay object with handle. In Trench HS5 an investigation of the Akkadian levels were continued while finds in the early 2nd millennium levels of Trench HN included distinctive painted pottery and figurines, some of which represent Zebu cattle.

Miss Helen McDonald (Secretary-Librarian) continued to work on the School's Nimrud collections during the year as well as acting as a post-excavation research assistant on the Brak final reports and participating in the Spring season of excavations at Tell Brak.

During the year, the third volume in the series *Iraq Archaeological Reports* was published: *Settlement Development in the North Jazira, Iraq* by Mr T.J. Wilkinson and Mr T.J. Tucker.

The following grants were awarded for the 1995/96 session: Dr Mike Charles to fund work on the plant remains from Tell Brak for publication in the 2nd millennium volume; Dr Keith Dobney to part-fund the analysis for publication of vertebrate remains from early Neolithic Qermez Dere; Drs Andrew George and Farouk Al-Rawi to publish further texts from Sippar; Dr Julian Henderson to excavate an Early Islamic industrial complex (glass and glazed pottery workshops and kilns) at Raqqa in Syria; Mr Mark Nesbitt and Ms Rowena Gale to study charcoal from early Neolithic M'lefaat as part of a wider project on plant remains from Qermez Dere, Hallan Çemi and M'lefaat.

The annual accounts reflect the continuing restrictions on the School's activities. We are grateful to the British Academy for the maintenance of their grant at the level of the previous year. Tight control has produced a further fall in expenditure, in part due to the departure of the Director to the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara on 1st October 1995. As a result, after transfer of the remaining balance on the reserve for publications, as agreed with the British Academy, the accounts show a small overall surplus for the year. In line with our indicated strategy, expenditure on the preparation of publications has been increased and this will continue.

D. OATES
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BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1996

1995	1996	1995	1996	INVESTMENTS (AT COST)	1996
8,200		8,200	8,200	Endowment Fund	8,200
		3,324	3,324	Bonham Carter Lecture Fund	3,104
	3,718		2,723	Mallwan Fund	2,723
	<u>455</u>			Working Fund	116,958
	4,173		116,958		
	<u>(350)</u>			Special Publications and Excavations fund	56,587
	(324)		3,499		
3,718				TOTAL INVESTMENTS	187,572
	2,567		58,130		
	<u>261</u>			Income Tax Recoverable	3,663
2,567			189,335	Debtors	3,067
				Balances At Bank	8,336
	111,577		2,828	Cash in Hand	126
	<u>9,762</u>				
111,577					
			121,339		
	65,108		56,193		
	<u>(8,915)</u>				
65,108					
6,300					
<u>3,095</u>			10,705		
£200,565			<u>£202,764</u>		
			<u>£200,565</u>		

London, 1st October 1996

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BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)
WORKING FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AT 31 MARCH 1996

1995		1996	1995		1996
	LONDON EXPENDITURE		14,483	Subscriptions	16,437
12,201	Journal	12,060			
<u>16,868</u>	Office	<u>16,179</u>	556	SALES OF JOURNAL	(229)
29,069		28,239			
	BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE		60,000	BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT	60,000
39,840	Staff	29,025	-	GERTRUDE BELL TRUST	5,844
6,000	Rent	6,000			
1,419	House and School	814	360	VARIOUS DONATIONS	205
5,602	Fellowships and visiting scholars	8,928			
-	Library	<u>568</u>	17,050	DIVIDENDS	13,788
52,861		45,335			
9,698	PREPARATION OF PUBLICATIONS	12,948	437	Interest	239
97	TRANSFER TO RESERVE FOR RENEWAL OF VEHICLES	-	489	DEFICIT FOR YEAR	-
1,650	LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	-			
-	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>9,762</u>			
<u>£93,375</u>		<u>£96,284</u>	<u>£93,375</u>		<u>£96,284</u>

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AT 31 MARCH 1996

1995		1996	1995		1996
	EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE			GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS	
25,000	Tell Brak	18,000	-	Tell Brak, British Academy	3,000
4,000	Saar	-			
-	Raqqa	2,023	-	GRANTS FOR PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS	-
29,000		20,023	4,266	SALES	1,520
1,972	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS	3,171	7,799	INVESTMENT INCOME	5,726
1,044	LOSS OF INVESTMENTS	2,267	19,951	TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE FOR PUBLICATIONS	6,300
-	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	-		DEFICIT FOR YEAR	8,915
<u>£32,016</u>		<u>£25,461</u>	<u>£32,016</u>		<u>£25,461</u>

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)**

INVESTMENTS 31ST MARCH 1996

£	ENDOWMENT FUND	Cost	Market Value
8,149	Income shares in Charitiés Official Investment Fund	<u>£8,200</u>	<u>£59,755</u>
	1995	<u>£8,200</u>	<u>£52,110</u>
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND			
3,000	Treasury 7¼ % Stock, 1998	<u>£3,104</u>	<u>£3,022</u>
	1995	<u>£3,324</u>	<u>£3,112</u>
MALLOWAN FUND			
2,500	Treasury 9½ % Stock, 1999	<u>£2,723</u>	<u>£2,643</u>
	1995	<u>£2,723</u>	<u>£2,598</u>
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND			
21,000	Treasury 7¼ % Stock 1998	21,724	21,150
35,000	Treasury 7¼ % Stock 1998	34,863	35,251
		<u>56,587</u>	<u>56,401</u>
	1995	<u>£58,130</u>	<u>£56,010</u>
WORKING FUND			
20,000	Exchequer 13¼ % 1996	23,686	20,200
30,000	Exchequer 13¼ % 1996	36,160	30,300
30,000	Treasury 7¼ % Stock 1998	29,883	30,216
25,000	Treasury 9½ % Stock 1999	27,229	26,430
		<u>£116,958</u>	<u>£107,146</u>
	1995	<u>£116,958</u>	<u>£108,598</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. 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

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.

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.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Grants, donations and subscriptions have been accounted for on a received basis.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The School has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from producing a cash flow statement.

2. STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The School's constitution requires the Council of Management to prepare a Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for each financial year.

In preparing these accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles the Council should:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the School will continue in business.

The Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the School. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the School and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 10 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on this page.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL AND AUDITORS

As described in note 2 to the accounts, the Council is responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the School's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Where we have been unable to obtain independent confirmation of the completeness of the transactions in Iraq, and of subscriptions and publication sales, we have accepted assurance from the Chairman and Treasurer that all transactions have been reflected in the records.

QUALIFIED OPINION ARISING FROM LIMITATION IN AUDIT SCOPE

Except for any adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had we obtained independent confirmation of the above items, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the School's affairs at 31st March 1996 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

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