

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ

*(Gertrude Bell Memorial)*

31-34 GORDON SQUARE, LONDON, WC1H 0PY



Report & Accounts  
for the year ended  
31st May, 1976



**THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE **BRITISH ACADEMY**, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.1., ON **THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1976**, 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

The Council records with the deepest regret the death on 12th January, 1976, of Dame Agatha Mallowan, a Founder Member and a devoted and generous supporter of the School. An obituary appeared in *Iraq* XXXVIII (1976), i, and a tribute was paid to Dame Agatha by Lord Trevelyan at the Annual General Meeting on 11th February, 1976. The Council also has the sad task of recording the death on 27th June, 1975, of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Salter, P.C., G.B.E., K.C.B., President of the School from 1955-1965 and subsequently Honorary Vice-President (see obituary *Iraq* XXXVII (1975), 77-78).

At the Annual General Meeting the first Gertrude Bell Memorial Gold Medal was presented to our President, Sir Max Mallowan, by Professor Seton Lloyd on behalf of the Council. The Medal, designed by Mrs. Seton Lloyd and financed from the income of Gertrude Bell's founding bequest to the School, will be awarded from time to time for outstanding services to Mesopotamian archaeology. A photograph appears as Frontispiece to *Iraq* XXXVIII.

Our Baghdad establishment, under the title of the British Archaeological Expedition, continues to receive co-operation from the Iraqi authorities. Between January and March, 1976, we moved both our previous households to a single house, not far from the Iraq Museum, which gives us sufficient accommodation for expedition members and visiting scholars, a working library and a photographic dark-room.

From September to December, 1975, the Director undertook a first season of excavations under the School's auspices at the site of Abu Salabikh, whose importance in the Early Dynastic Period had been demonstrated by an expedition from the Oriental Institute, Chicago, in 1963 and 1965. A well-furnished grave in the building that yielded the main body of the tablets during earlier excavations was the most important single discovery, but general progress was made in defining the history and character of this building, and a series of later graves gave the unexpected bonus of a valuable corpus of whole pottery. Work was also started next to a suspected city wall and on Area A, the mound's other high point. A small store-room for equipment has been built on the site. A report on the first season's work will appear in *Iraq* XXXVIII, Pt. 2, and a second season is planned to begin in September, 1976.

During the year the School also contributed substantially towards a further season of work at Tell Brak in N.E. Syria, first excavated by Sir Max Mallowan in 1937-38. The 1976 expedition, directed by Professor David Oates and sponsored by the Institute of

Archaeology, University of London, was in the field from March until May, and uncovered a complicated sequence of structures immediately to the east of the "Palace of Naram-Sin." The principal building appeared to be a temple of the Agade period, in and beneath which were found a number of terracotta cult vessels as well as a useful sequence of pottery. Survey in the immediate vicinity of the mound revealed, within a radius of one kilometre, no less than thirteen small sites of which eleven had been occupied during the fourth and third millennia B.C. It is hoped that a study of settlement patterns will form an important part of future work on the site.

The Chairman visited Baghdad in February for discussions with the Ministry of Information and the Director-General of Antiquities. After taking part in the Abu Salabikh excavations Mrs. Kathryn Tubb (University of London, Institute of Archaeology) was employed by the School to undertake the restoration of wall-paintings from Umm Dabaghiyah: these were successfully freed from the facing applied in the field, and backed with polyester resin for exhibition. In May Mr. N. M. Lowick, Assistant Keeper in the Department of Coins and Medals of the British Museum, visited Baghdad as our Guest Lecturer, and was able to study copper coinage of the Abbasid period in the Iraq Museum. He was invited to lecture to the Iraqi Archaeological Society, and also at the British Council. Miss Janice Moon stayed in Baghdad from January to May, 1976, working on Old Babylonian pottery from various sites, including Tell al Rimah, in the Iraq Museum. In May we were joined by Miss K. M. Beatty, who has remained in Baghdad over most of the summer in the Director's absence, working on seal impressions on tablets from Ur. A Grant was made in support of the archaeological research undertaken by Mr. H. Russell.

In addition to the journal *Iraq* XXXVII, Pt. 2 (1975) and XXXVIII, Pt. 1 (1976), *The Old Babylonian Tablets from Tell al Rimah* (1976), by Stephanie Dalley, C. B. F. Walker and J. D. Hawkins, was published. The Introduction to this volume is by the excavator Professor David Oates, and Dr. E. Sollberger acted as Editor.

On behalf of the Council,  
D. J. WISEMAN,  
Chairman of the Executive Committee

J. N. POSTGATE,  
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DAVID CLARKE,  
Hon. Treasurer

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ**

(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)

**BALANCE SHEET, AT 31st MAY, 1976**

	£	p	1975 £		£	p
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND:</b>				<b>ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT</b>		
Balance as at 1st June, 1975 ... ..			8,200.00	(at cost):		
<b>WORKING FUND:</b>				8,149 Income Shares in Charities Official Investment Fund ... ..		8,200.00
Balance as at 1st June, 1975 ... ..	23,161.21		8,200	Market Value £9,619 (1975—£8,459)		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ... ..	6,789.97			<b>BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND INVESTMENT</b> (at cost):		
				£1,000 12% Treasury Stock 1983 (Market Value £1,000) ... ..		1,031.04
<b>SUNDRY CREDITORS</b> ... ..			29,951.18	<b>WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS FUNDS INVESTMENTS</b> (at cost):		
<b>ACCUMULATED RESERVE FOR RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES "SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM" FUND,</b> as at 1st June, 1975 ... ..			6,408.62	Market Value £18,081 (1975—£22,273)		20,307.83
<b>BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND:</b>						29,538.87
As at 1st June, 1975 ... ..	1,008.68		33,067	<b>PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION OF INVESTMENTS</b> ... ..		(5,888.97)
Add Deposit Interest ... ..	72.50		(5,434)			23,649.90
				<b>INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE</b> ... ..		2,065.76
<b>SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND:</b>			27,633	<b>BALANCES AT BANKS:</b>		
Balance as at 1st June, 1975 ... ..	20,141.45		778	On Current Accounts ... ..	1,288.67	
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ... ..	12,999.79		2,714	On Deposit Account ... ..	25,000.00	
					26,288.67	
			1,009	On Deposit—Bonham Carter Lecture Fund ... ..		
						26,288.67
			15	<b>CASH IN HAND:</b>		
			500	London ... ..		
				Baghdad ... ..	1,253.36	
						1,253.36
			<u>£58,737.62</u>			<u>£58,737.62</u>
			<u>£71,033</u>			

D. J. WISEMAN, *Chairman*  
 DAVID CLARKE, *Hon. Treasurer*

In my opinion, the Balance Sheet set out above and the two accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the School's affairs at 31st May, 1976, and of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

DEARDEN & CO.,  
*Chartered Accountants.*

September, 1976.

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1976**

<b>WORKING FUND</b>						
	£	p	1975 £		£	p
<b>LONDON EXPENDITURE:</b>				<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SCHOOL AND JOURNAL</b> ... ..	2,860.80	
Printing Journal (including back numbers £1,199) ... ..	6,694.36		1,994	<b>OUTSIDE SALES OF JOURNAL</b> ... ..	4,026.77	
Salaries and Office Expenses ... ..	2,299.42		3,998	<b>INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE UNDER COVENANTS</b> ... ..	17.29	
						6,904.86
<b>BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE:</b>				<b>INCOME RECEIVED FROM THE GERTRUDE BELL TRUST</b> ... ..	679.46	
Director's Salary and Superannuation ... ..	5,066.66		8,993.78	Less Cost of "Gertrude Bell Memorial" Medals ... ..	575.50	
Former Director's Salary and Superannuation ... ..	—					103.96
Staff Salaries, Allowances and Expenses ... ..	613.52			<b>BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS:</b>		
Library Expenditure ... ..	688.73			On Investments ... ..	2,320.22	
Fellowships and Visiting Scholars ... ..	1,683.84		30,500	Bank Deposit ... ..	1,749.49	
Rent of School Building and House ... ..	5,381.73					4,069.71
House and School Expenses ... ..	5,631.65		2,499			
Travel and Car ... ..	1,396.79		1,975			
Entertainment ... ..	381.92					
Pensions/Gratuities (Local Staff) ... ..	1,699.94					
			22,544.78			
<b>AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS &amp; EXCAVATIONS FUND</b> ... ..			1,000.00			
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR</b>			6,789.97			
			<u>£44,828.53</u>			<u>£44,828.53</u>
			<u>£41,368</u>			

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

	1975 £	£ P	£ P	£ P	£ P
<b>EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE:</b>					
Abu Salabikh .....	10,983.16				
Uruk .....	685.54				
Tell Bzek .....	8,500.00				
Sundries (including cost of guards) .....	1,856.08				
London Expenses .....	199.81				
<b>PRINTING:</b>					
Ivories from Nimrud III .....		8,667.60			
O.B. Tablets from Tell Al Rimah .....			22,234.59		
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR</b>					
					5,500.00
<b>TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND DONATIONS:</b>					
Anonymous Gift .....	2,727				
Musées Royaux d'Art, Brussels .....	795				
Bosch Petroleum Company .....	250				
G. A. Wainright Archaeological Fund .....	1,000				
<b>GRANTS TOWARDS EXCAVATIONS:</b>					
British Museum—Bek .....		2,000			
British Academy—Abu Salabikh .....			8,667.60		
British Museum—Abu Salabikh .....					
Trinity College, Cambridge—Abu Salabikh .....					
Cambridge University—Abu Salabikh .....					
<b>SALES AND ROYALTIES EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>					
					5,338.17
					6,050.00
					1,014.23
					12,999.79
					<u>£30,902.19</u>
					<u>£13,844</u>
					<u>£30,902.19</u>

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