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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1957

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, 1 KENSINGTON GORE, ON WEDNESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, 1957, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR PROFESSOR MALLOWAN; 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.

AFTER THE MEETING THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

THE British School of Archaeology in Iraq celebrated its Silver Jubilee at the Annual General Meeting on November 6th, 1956. Professor Mallowan gave an account of the discoveries made in Mesopotamia since 1932. By kind permission of the Council, the session was held in the rooms of the Royal Geographical Society. Lantern slides and coloured projections illustrating some of the twelve different sites at which excavations had taken place, both in Syria and in Iraq, were shown. The objects displayed on the screen ranged in date from the neolithic period before 5000 B.C. down to Hellenistic times, about 200 B.C., and demonstrated that the School's activities had covered a very wide field.

The School also arranged a special exhibition in the British Museum to illustrate twenty-five years of Mesopotamian discovery, and published a booklet to commemorate its work. This exhibition was held in the large hall known as the Assyrian Basement. The display lasted for a period of two months in all, from November 14th, 1956, until January 15th, 1957, and was seen by more than 14,000 persons. The thanks of the School are due to the Trustees of all those museums and institutions which so generously consented to lend objects for this occasion.

The School's Expedition returned to Iraq in the spring of 1957 for its eighth season at Nimrud. At the south-east end of the akropolis some very important stratigraphic evidence came to light. A series of coin hoards carried the history of the site down from the end of the Assyrian Empire in 612 B.C. through the succession of Hellenistic periods which came to an end in about the second century. Hellenistic graves of the late period were found to contain Assyrian antiquities and prove that the inhabitants of that time already had antiquarian interests.

The most important discoveries, however, were made in the outer town, at its extreme south-east corner. Here the Expedition found a huge building, which has been named "Fort Shalmaneser", occupying an area of about twelve acres of ground. So far, less than a quarter of this great enclosure has been excavated. It proves to have been the supply depot for persons employed by the kings of Assyria, and its huge magazines contained foodstuffs: grain, wine, and oil. Many of the wine jars were marked with their capacities in terms of the Assyrian measures then used. In this same storehouse remarkable collections of ivories appeared. These seem to have been parts of antique furniture relegated to the depot by successive Assyrian kings, and most of them were probably made between about 800 and 740 B.C. The place was burned, probably in the year 612 B.C., at the end of the reign of Sin-shar-ishkun, and nearly contemporary cuneiform documents were found in the

building. There were many signs of the last battle: spent iron arrow-heads and spears by the gate on the wall, and discarded coats of Assyrian armour. It is clear that much more remains to be excavated in this area which has been untouched since the fall of Assyria and holds out every promise of further important discoveries in the future.

The Expedition was this year supported by a contribution from the *Daily Telegraph*, which sent out its special correspondent, Canon C. B. Mortlock, to report on the dig, and three articles on the current work appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, the last of them in the issue of Saturday, July 20th, 1957. In addition, the School's Expedition was supported by the Metropolitan Museum, New York; the Birmingham City Museum and Art Gallery; the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford; the Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire, Brussels; and by the Iraq Petroleum Company, which also lent the Expedition some invaluable machinery.

An important new addition to our supporters of the dig this year was the Rask-Ørsted Foundation, which not only subscribed generously but sent four Danish colleagues for further training experience before undertaking excavations of their own in the Dokan. Our thanks are due to the Foundation and to all its members for their skilled and friendly collaboration.

Those who took part in the excavations included the Director and Mrs. Mallowan, Mr. and Mrs. Friis, Mr. F. S. Johansen, Mr. N. Kindersley, Dr. J. Laessøe, Mr. and Mrs. David Oates, Miss Barbara Parker, Mr. David Stronach.

We are again deeply indebted to the Director-General of the Iraq Antiquities Department, H.E. Dr. Naji el Asil, and to his staff, for much help and kindness. Sayid Tarik el Madhlum, an experienced and valued colleague, was Iraqi representative to the Expedition.

After the season was over, Professor Mallowan travelled to America in order to receive the Lucy Wharton Drexel Medal, which was presented to him on May 9th by the University of Pennsylvania, for outstanding work at Nimrud.

In view of the rising costs of operating the School and the great difficulty of keeping within its budget, an appeal is being made for an increased grant from the Treasury, for otherwise the School's activities in the near future may be seriously curtailed.

The 1957 issues of *Iraq* are detailed in a separate sheet.

On behalf of the Council,
J. M. TROUTBECK
Chairman.

KEVIN O'C. HAYES,
Hon. Secretary.

August, 1957.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1957

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ENDOWMENT FUND						
Balance at 31st December, 1947				10,648	15	10
WORKING FUND						
Balance at 1st June, 1956, (See note) ...	5,381	8	6			
Less excess of expenditure over income for the year ...		551	12	4,829	15	7
SUNDRY CREDITORS ...				803	2	11
EXCAVATIONS:						
<i>Excavation Fund</i>						
Balance as at 1st June, 1956	4,393	1	10	4,836	18	6
Add excess of income over expenditure for the year ...		443	16	4,000	0	0
<i>Special Excavation Trust Fund</i>						

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ENDOWMENT FUND						
Investments, at cost ...				10,648	15	10
(Market value at 31st May, 1957 £8,330 7s. 3d.)						
WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS FUNDS						
Investments, at cost ...				5,725	15	4
(Market value at 31st May, 1957 £5,103 16s. 8d.)						
Income Tax recoverable ...					660	1
Sundry Debtors ...					750	0
Payments in advance ...					469	17
Balances on deposit accounts—						
Post Office Savings Bank ...	2,232	17	4			
London Trustee Savings Bank	1,211	0	3			
Balance at Bank—				3,443	17	7
on current accounts ...					3,417	11
Cash in hand ...						2

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NOTE.—In the year to 31st May, 1955, the basis of payment of the Treasury Grant was altered and as a result too large a proportion of the amount receivable was taken into account during that period.

The necessary adjustments have now been made in the balance brought forward on Working Fund and in Sundry Debtors.

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(sd.) J. M. TROUTBECK, Chairman. H. O. MANCE, Hon. Treasurer.

I have prepared the Balance Sheet set out above and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts from the Books, Vouchers and Records of the School and I have received all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year to 31st May, 1957, correctly show the result of the transactions for that year and the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the School's affairs as at that date.

PROVINCIAL HOUSE, 98-106 CANNON STREET, LONDON, E.C.4
9th September, 1957.

MORRISH, WALTERS & CO.
(sd.) HAROLD LAKEMAN
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1957

TO LONDON EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By subscriptions to School and	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Journal and Exhibition								Journal ...	402	10	7			
Booklet ...	1,729	19	10				Income tax recoverable under covenants ...		7	13	10	410	4	5
Office ...	196	19	4				Outside sales of Journal and Exhibition Booklet ...					871	2	4
Exhibition expenses ...	594	14	4		2,521	13	6	Income received from Trustees of the British Museum				311	18	10
BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE								Treasury grant for 1956-57				4,500	0	0
Director's salary and expenses	500	0	0					Interest and dividends:—						
Secretary-Librarian's salary	800	0	0					on investments ...	453	3	2			
Office, Library and Insurance	169	18	11					Post Office Savings Bank Account ...	109	6	5			
Fellowships...	930	0	0					London Trustee Savings Bank Account ...	58	5	6	620	15	1
Rent of house ...	550	0	0					Balance, being excess of expenditure over income for the year				551	12	11
House expenses ...	683	9	1									£7,265	13	7
Travelling and car expenses	683	19	7		4,744	0	1							
Entertainment ...	100	0	0											
Grant to Mandaeen Dictionary	250	0	0											
Presentation of Casts to Iraq Antiquities Department	76	12	6											

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EXCAVATIONS FUND

TO MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, LONDON ...		£	s.	d.	By Donations:—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
labour and guards...					Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York...		1,784	5	7				
transport ...				3,231	15	10	Rask-Ørsted Foundation	1,000	0	0			
provisions ...				137	9	2	Iraq Petroleum Co. Ltd.	250	0	0			
equipment ...				80	2	3	City of Birmingham	225	0	0			
sundry ...				130	9	0	Ashmolean Museum:—						
Balance, being excess of income over expenditure for the year ...				79	10	7	Department of Antiquities	200	0	0	300		
				443	16	8	Patrimoine des Musées						
							Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire, Brussels ...	200	0	0			
							Daily Telegraph ...	500	0	0			

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