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ON the 28th of November 1969 about twenty-five of Cyril Gadd's close friends and colleagues were gathered together in the rooms of the British Academy, before the Annual General Meeting of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, in order to do him honour. On that afternoon we presented him with a copy of the volume of *IRAQ* which had been prepared for him by many colleagues at the time of his seventy-fifth birthday. Towards the end of the year his health began to fail, but he knew that this presentation was to be made and it became evident from his letters that he was living for this occasion.

“ For myself, there is, I fear, not much of me left,” he said, in a letter dated 4th of August, “ but I still look forward to the day of our meeting ”.

In a few words we then expressed our profound thanks for all that he had done and for the knowledge that his work will live so long as Western Asiatic archaeology is pursued. His reply, touching and scholarly was a gentle farewell, ending with an Amen. Four days later, on 2nd December, he died peacefully, in his sleep.

A short obituary notice appeared in *The Times* on 9th December 1969 and a longer one will eventually be published in the *Proceedings of the British Academy*. The fullest valedictory notice however is contained in volume XXXI of *IRAQ* (1969) wherein 22 articles and a Proem in his honour are dedicated to him, together with a bibliography which in itself is the best testimonial to a life rich in scholarship and replete with a profound and witty erudition.