

## EDITORIAL

THE thirty-second Annual General Meeting of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq was held in the rooms of the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, on Wednesday, 17th November, 1965.

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Lord Salter, the President, took the chair for the last time and received the warm thanks of the School for the service that he had rendered to it in the course of his decade of office. The School was sensible of the prestige which his name had attracted to it, and all who served under him remain grateful for his wise counsel and kindness.

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Mr. David Oates, Director of the School, delivered a lecture on the second season's Expedition to Tell al Rimah and illustrated the discoveries with lantern slides.

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A happy collaboration with the University Museum, Philadelphia has enabled the Expedition to plan a series of campaigns which is already resulting in important additions to the history and archaeology of Mesopotamia. The discovery of a ziggurat and a temple of the Middle Assyrian period with high standing walls and vaults has been a significant contribution to the history of ancient architecture.

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Among the small finds the most interesting objects consist of glass and frit vessels and masks. A coloured frit mask which was shown on the screen, with hair and side locks encrusted on bitumen is unique, though typologically comparable with other unadorned specimens from Babylonia, Assyria and Western Syria. The history of the glass making industry at this time may be related to contemporary developments in Iran and in Syria.

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At the close of the meeting, Professor Mallowan, on behalf of the School, presented Lord Salter with an advance copy of 'Nimrud and its Remains', a

two volume work with over six hundred illustrations and numerous maps, plans and sections, together with nine plates in colour. The publication is scheduled to appear at the end of February 1966.

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In the course of the meeting Sir John Troutbeck, formerly Chairman of the Executive Committee, was elected to fill the vacancy in the President's office left by the retirement of Lord Salter.