

EDITORIAL

RESEARCH continues on material discovered by previous expeditions in Iraq. Mr. John Curtis, a Fellow of the School, is preparing an account of the metal objects discovered at Nimrud, a subject of concern to all students of ancient metallurgy; the finds belong to a well defined period of time. The tools and weapons of the Assyrian armoury, and the personal adornments of Assyrian courtiers are a rewarding field of study.

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Sir Max Mallowan together with Mrs. Leri Glynne Davies has completed a large volume on Assyrian Style Ivories discovered at Nimrud in the course of the excavations between 1949-1963. This 'Ivory Fascicule' comprises 46 Plates and illustrates over 200 ivories. A full historical commentary together with the catalogue is included. This work follows the first Fascicule, written by J. J. Orchard entitled 'Equestrian Bridle-Harness Ornaments'. Both volumes may be ordered from booksellers or direct from the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London W.C.1. Information about the price, and further particulars concerning this and other publications are given at the end of the volume.

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Mrs. Stephanie Dalley who was recently awarded a Ph.D. by the University of London for her study of the Old Babylonian texts from Rimah (see *Iraq* 30 (1968), 87-97) is now preparing the final edition of these same texts for publication.

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The two Fellows for the year were Mr. John Curtis who, as recorded above, was examining metal work from Nimrud and Mr. Martin Selman who was undertaking a study of Nuzi tablets in connection with his Biblical studies.

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The Annual Meeting of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq will take place on Wednesday November 11th at 5 p.m. in the Rooms of the British Academy, Burlington House, Piccadilly. Mrs. David Oates will on that occasion be lecturing to the Society, with lantern slides, on recent developments in the study of prehistoric Mesopotamia.