

EDITORIAL

At the end of this issue of the Journal we publish a final addition to the list of subscribers who have contributed to the Woolley Memorial Fund. Once again we record our thanks to the many friends who have so generously responded to our appeal.

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The subscriptions to this Fund have amounted to just under one thousand pounds. After deducting expenses for the cost of printing and correspondence connected with the appeal, and after paying for the Commemoration Dish which was illustrated as a frontispiece in Volume XXII of *Iraq* and in colour in an issue of the *Illustrated London News* dated November 12th, 1960 the sum of over seven hundred pounds is available for grants.

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It has been decided by the Council of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq to allocate this money towards Fellowships, and the first awards have been made: to Mr. E. Von Gericke and to Mr. Nicholas Kindersley, both of whom took part in the excavations at Nimrud this year and are the first recipients of the Woolley Memorial Fellowships.

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The beautiful dish made by the Worcester Royal Porcelain Company to commemorate Woolley's work at Ur has been presented to the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford where Woolley held his first professional post as assistant to Sir Arthur Evans. It has been mounted for display at the entrance to the Near Eastern Gallery where many of Woolley's discoveries are on permanent exhibition.

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The articles published in this number of the Journal include a preliminary account by Mr. David Oates of the tenth successive expedition to Nimrud (1960) in the course of which substantial additions were made to the plan of Fort Shalmaneser, as well as to the magnificent collection of ivories including several in the round of a type hitherto unknown.

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Whilst this article is being printed the eleventh expedition to Nimrud (1961) has come to a close, again led by Mr. Oates with highly successful results.

Messrs. N. Kindersley, E. Von Gericke and J. J. Orchard remained at the site for an extra week at the end of the season to complete the final clearances of room SW.37 in which many hundreds of fragmentary ivories had been found year after year, from 1957 onwards.

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It is expected that one more season will be required to round off the work at Fort Shalmaneser, by which time the architectural plan will probably have been completely recovered from the ground, a unique record of Assyria's greatest military building.