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THE death of Brigadier-General Sir Osborne Mance on August 30th, 1966, in his ninety-first year deprives the British School of Archaeology in Iraq of a wise counsellor and devoted supporter. He accepted office as its first honorary treasurer in 1929 out of a high regard for Gertrude Bell whose work he had come to know and admire while himself serving in Iraq. There his own responsibilities lay in the field of transport; he became British Chairman of the Nairn Transport Co. (Damascus—Baghdad) in 1926. Later as technical advisor to the Ottoman Bank, he became proud of holding an office which linked his work with that of the pioneer archaeologist Sir Henry Layard, who had been the first Chairman of the Bank. He continued to advise the School and served on the Council for twenty-seven years before his increasing deafness forced him to resign in 1960.

The School owes this distinguished man a great debt for the labours which he undertook on its behalf in the scrupulous management of its accounts, without any thought of personal reward. Members of the School's Committees will long recall his bonhomie and the encouragement which he gave to them in the performance of their duties. In him we have lost one who unsparingly gave of his time and advice to ensure that the School's foundations should persist on a sound footing. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Lady Mance in her great loss.