

## EDITORIAL

THE success of the first season of excavation at Tell al Rimah, some fifty miles west of Mosul in north Iraq, is most gratifying. The director of this joint expedition between the British School of Archaeology in Iraq and the University Museum, Philadelphia is Mr. David Oates who plans to continue work there next spring.

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At the Annual Meeting of the School held in London on November 4th Mr. Oates gave an illustrated lecture on his discoveries at Rimah of the remains of buildings, dominated by a monumental temple complex, dating from the Early to the Middle Assyrian period. Frit and glass objects as well as statuettes, seals, beads, a few inscriptions and other interesting objects were discovered. It is hoped to publish a preliminary report on the excavations in the next number of the Journal.

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An article written in this Journal by Professor Mallowan entitled "Noah's Flood Reconsidered" recalls some results obtained in the course of a much older joint expedition with Philadelphia at Ur in 1922-1934 under the leadership of the late Sir Leonard Woolley with whom he served.

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Since the discussion of the Flood deposits at Ur is related to those found at the neighbouring site of Kish, the article by Mr. P. R. S. Moorey of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford has a particular relevance. Here he presents new material and a hitherto unpublished plan of a building excavated at Kish by the late Professor Langdon and his colleagues.

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We also welcome an authoritative article by Father John Fiey of the Latin Church in Mosul, who frequently visited our excavations at Nimrud. His proposed reconstruction of the route taken by the Abbassid road from Mosul

to Nisibin is a reminder that much research has yet to be done on this period of Iraq's history.

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The Editors regret that owing to unforeseen circumstances this number of the Journal is published later than is customary. The delay has enabled us to include some short articles which contribute to the growing understanding of some previously published Akkadian texts.