

In honour of
PROFESSOR EMERITUS
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This volume is a tribute by the Council to the man to whom, more than anyone now living, the Institute owes its present standing and success.

Seton Lloyd came to us with an established reputation as an outstanding field archaeologist. Trained originally as an architect, he had come over to archaeology under the inspiration of Henri Frankfort and had worked with him, first in Egypt, then as a member of the Diyala Expedition of the University of Chicago. His connection with Turkey began in 1938, when he accepted an invitation from John Garstang to act as Field Director and supervised the season of excavation at Yümük Tepe, Mersin, 1938–9. But he returned to Baghdad as Archaeological Adviser to the Government of Iraq, and in the next ten years in close collaboration with his Iraqi colleagues he carried out soundings in the Sinjar district and excavations at 'Uqair, Hassuna and Abu Shahrain (Eridu).

In 1948 he was the natural choice to succeed John Garstang as Director of the newly founded institute at Ankara. He accepted the Council's invitation, and taking over in March, 1949, during the next twelve years, first in Bayındır Sokak, then at Tahran Caddesi, built up the Institute to what it is today. Those who lived there during those years remember with nostalgia the charming informality of the family life which we were allowed to share. During this time he excavated, first in collaboration with Turkish archaeologists at Polatlı and Sultantepe, then independently at Beycesultan. Polatlı provided a useful sequence of ceramic cultures, Sultantepe an important hoard of Assyrian literary tablets; Beycesultan, despite some paucity of objects, has made a striking contribution to our knowledge of the architectural and ceramic history of Western Anatolia. The photograph published herewith shows Seton Lloyd contemplating one of the large worked stones which were to be seen in 1953 lying on the surface of the mound before excavation began.

In 1961 he handed over the Institute in Ankara to the capable hands of Michael Gough and returned to London to take up the appointment of Professor of Western Asiatic Archaeology at the University of London. His connexion with Turkey, however, was by no means ended. In 1964 he became Honorary Secretary to our Institute, a post which had previously been held by Winifred Lamb but had been in abeyance. Then in 1965 he returned to Turkey to excavate the Urartian site of Kayalıdere; but unfortunately, owing to circumstances beyond his control, work at this highly promising site, with all its architectural interest, had to be discontinued after only a single season.

Seton Lloyd retired from the Chair in London and was created Professor

Emeritus in 1969, but he remains the mainstay of our Institute, and all its members will hope that he may long continue to devote his benevolent and unflagging energies to its welfare and administration.

This volume is dedicated to him in affection and gratitude on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, which fell on 30th May, 1972, by members and ex-members of the Council, with whom the Director and Assistant Director have been associated by special invitation.

