

2. THE IRAQ EXPEDITION: DIYALA RIVER BASIN

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In order to trace the beginnings of Sumerian civilization in the central portion of the Mesopotamian basin, the Institute during the years 1930-37 conducted a series of excavations in the valley of the Diyala River, an eastern tributary of the Tigris. Here four important sites were excavated, namely, Khafajah, Tell Asmar, Tell Agrab, and Ishchali. For the presentation of the results of this important undertaking a series of 11 volumes was planned, of which 7 have already appeared. The others are in preparation.