

### 3. THE SYRIAN EXPEDITION

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To establish the relations between the Hittite Empire in Asia Minor and the indigenous cultures of Syria-Palestine, the Institute excavated six ancient mounds near Antioch (now in Turkey) during the years 1932-38. Evidence of prehistoric life at three of these sites—Chatal Hüyük, Tell Judaidah, and Tell Ta'ayinat—led Braidwood to survey all the mounds in the Plain of Antioch and to excavate Tell Dhahab and Tell Kurdu. The survey has been published. The first volume of excavation reports is now at the printer's, and other volumes are in preparation.

