

THE IRANIAN EXPEDITIONS

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The major operation of the Oriental Institute in Iran, covering the years 1931-39, was the excavation of Persepolis, the dynastic capital of the Achaemenids. In 1934 the University Museum of Philadelphia and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston became joint sponsors with the Oriental Institute of this project, which included also excavations in the environs of Persepolis, namely, at Naqsh-i-Rustam, Istakhr, and Tall-i-Bakun, covering periods from prehistoric to Islamic times. Available publications include A. Langsdorff's and D. E. McCown's *Tall-i-Bakun A*, G. G. Cameron's *Treasury Tablets*, Dr. Schmidt's *Treasury of Persepolis*, and the first and second volumes of his definitive report *Persepolis*. The third and final volume is nearing completion. The Persepolis Fortification Tablets are being prepared for publication by R. T. Hallock, while R. A. Bowman is completing preparation of the Persepolis Aramaic inscriptions.

*Guardian bull from Throne Hall at Persepolis,
as restored in the Oriental Institute Museum*



In 1938 the Oriental Institute sponsored jointly with the Iranian Institute and the University Museum an exploratory expedition into the mountains of Luristan. The results of this highly successful enterprise, which culminated in the discovery of the sanctuary of Surkh Dum, are to be prepared for publication by Dr. Schmidt.