

### ***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 al-Judaidah, and Tell Ta‘yinat—led Dr. 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, covering the earlier assemblages and prepared by Dr. Braidwood and Linda Braidwood (Oriental Institute Associate), is published. A volume on the Iron Age pottery is in preparation by Gustavus F. Swift, Jr. (Research Associate). Other volumes are planned.

*Copper statuette from Syria. About 2900 B.C.*

