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Members are requested to report any errors in the Directory, changes of address, or additional information to the General Secretary-Treasurer. Also, in order to keep the Society operating on a business basis, prompt renewal of membership upon receiving notice of expiration thereof is desired.

- 10.1 Bulletin Enters New Phase. With No. 4 of the Bulletin of the University Archaeological Society, now nearing final printing (see January 10 Newsletter, 9.2, for contents), the publication shifts its emphasis from strictly secular studies to the archaeology of the Scriptures. This development is in keeping with the original editorial plan as announced by Dr. M. Wells Jakeman:

The first two or three numbers . . . will not contain any direct references to the Book of Mormon, but will be devoted to the establishment of the scientific basis of this field of study . . . following issues, however, will deal directly with the archaeology of the Scriptures.

The first three issues of the Bulletin, it is hoped, have demonstrated the Society's capacity to produce publications which treat scientific subjects in an unemotional and thoroughly objective manner, conformable to the highest intellectual standards of the archaeological profession. On the assumption that this has been accomplished, the Society now advances to a consideration of its main field of interest, the bearing of archaeology on the scriptural foundations of Mormonism.

- 10.2 Wye Magazine Features Archaeology. Archaeology will take the spotlight in the Winter Quarter issue of the Wye Magazine, a BYU student publication edited by Virgil B. Smith. An article on the subject by Alfred L. Bush, vice-president of the Campus Chapter and assistant editor of the Newsletter, will be featured. Photographs of Peruvian and Mexican archaeological materials by James W. Brimhall and Ross T. Christensen will carry the theme throughout the magazine.
- 10.3 Attends Convention. De Lamar Jensen, graduate student at Columbia University and UAS member since March, 1951, writes in a recent letter of his attendance at a December convention of the American Schools of Oriental Research in New York City. Among those who lectured were William F. Albright and C. H. Gordon. An alumnus of BYU, he reports some very enjoyable work at Columbia and hopes to study Middle American and Mexican archaeology next fall under Gordon F. Ekholm.
- 10.4 Archaeology Department Complimented. Dr. Alfred V. Kidder, "dean of American archaeologists," spoke favorably of the BYU Department of Archaeology during an address before the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Luncheon Club in Salt Lake City, January 14.

Retired chief archaeologist of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, he explained the aims and activities of the recently-organized New World Archaeological Foundation, of which he is the vice-president (see November 25 Newsletter, 8.4). He was introduced by Thomas Stuart Ferguson, Foundation president and General Officer of the UAS.

Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, UAS president, was referred to as representing the Book of Mormon view on the Foundations's Committee of Archaeologists. This view, Dr. Kidder said, is one of three leading schools of thought on the origin of the great civilizations of ancient America.

John L. Sorenson and Gareth W. Lowe, UAS General Officer and member, respectively, are participants in the Foundation's expedition, now in the field near Huimanguillo, Tabasco, Mexico (see January 10 Newsletter, 9.4). Reconnaissance activities have brought to light scores of heretofore unreported sites in the vicinity.