

TABULA GRATULATORIA

Postwar reconstruction being well on its way with the rebuilding of its administrative offices and with the restoration of the Beirut National Museum's elevations, the General Directorate of Antiquities is faced today with the colossal task of rescuing Lebanon's archaeological treasures. In support of this culturally vital endeavor, the Lebanese British Friends of the National Museum continues to raise funds in support of the National Museum.

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