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5 Trondheim’s Library Site excavations have produced evidence for metal working in the town centre from c. 1025 to 1275. Five or six workshops occur on various properties, used by itinerant craftsmen for small-scale production, mainly casting, though some smithing may also have taken place. Finds include crucible sherds, soapstone ingot moulds, metal ingots and off-cuts, and clay mould fragments for brooches, small crosses and needles. Qualitative analyses indicate the presence of copper and zinc (as brass?), silver, gold and lead: U. Bergquist, Gjutning och smide: Metallhantverkets utveckling i Trondheim ca. 1000–ca. 1350. Meddelelser Nr 16 (Trondheim, Riksantikvaren, 1989).

THE LEEDS CONFERENCE 1989

The 31st Annual conference of the Society was held in Leeds on Saturday 20 May, 1989 on the theme of ‘Regionality versus Uniformity in Medieval Britain’. After an introduction by David Hinton the following lectures were given: Peter Hayes, ‘The Fens’; Peter Rose and Ann Preston-Jones, ‘Cornwall’; Nick Higham, ‘Medieval Cheshire: A Distinctive Culture or Just Downright Impoverished?’; Dennis Turner, ‘From the Home Counties to the Hebrides’; and Chris Dyer, ‘A Historical perspective on regional differences’. The lectures took place in Leeds City Art Gallery and the help and generosity of the Director and staff there is gratefully acknowledged.

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