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## FOREWORD

At the suggestion of the Ancient Monuments Branch of the Department of the Environment, the Cambrian Archaeological Association undertook, in July 1974, to publish occasional monographs presenting the results of important emergency excavations in Wales financed from public funds. Such reports had for many years appeared in the Association's Journal; but it was known that several in preparation would exceed in length and complexity the reasonable limits of a contribution to *Archaeologia Cambrensis*, and that in consequence another medium would be required if the Association was to continue to render service by the publication of such research. G. J. Wainwright's *Coygan Camp*, printed as a special volume in 1967 under the editorship of M. R. Apted, prefigured the new series.

In May, 1976, the Association further decided, in consultation with the Ancient Monuments Branch, to extend the scope of the series to collections of shorter papers brought together on a Period basis. In this way, an avenue is opened for the publication of the increasing number of excavations on sites of all kinds since the four Archaeological Trusts were established by the Department in Wales. This first volume of *Monographs & Collections* therefore contains reports on Roman sites in Gwent, Gwynedd and Dyfed excavated by members of the staff of the Trusts, except in the case of the quay at Caerleon fortress, which I excavated under the old arrangement for Departmental excavations. Annexed are brief accounts of the Llanedeyrn Roman coin-hoards from the vicinity of the pottery-kiln here published, and Dr. Gordon Hillman's study of the plant-remains from the 1976 Carmarthen excavations; for comparison, I have added the forgotten complete list of over 100 species from Roman Caerwent, dating from 1908-9, preserved at Newport Museum: if anything merits the title of a 'rescue', it is this list, unknown to Godwin's *History of the British Flora*.

Looking to the future, it is hoped that Part One of the important excavations at The Breiddin hill-fort, Powys, and the equally substantial work of the Clwyd-Powys Trust at Moel-y-Gaer hill-fort, will not be long delayed. Other monographs will be concerned with the Bronze Age discoveries at the Brenig reservoir-site, and with medieval Rhuddlan. A further volume of Roman collections, including my excavations at the 'fortress baths', Caerleon, and Trust work at Caernarvon, Caldicot, and elsewhere, is also adumbrated. *Monographs & Collections* will be sent to the printer in the order received, and cannot therefore follow any set annual pattern; they must also vary in price, which is calculated on the basis of the nett cost of production. The cost of the present volume has been most generously defrayed by the Ancient Monuments Branch of the Department of the Environment.

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