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INTRODUCTION

The fifth meeting of the Scottish Archaeological Forum was held in Edinburgh on March 3 1973 and a series of papers was delivered on the Problems of Celtic and Northern English Monastic Settlements. This volume includes all but one of these as well as a number of contributions arising from the lively discussion which was continued beyond the Forum itself by an informal meeting on the following day. The more ambitious programme of this Forum was made possible by the generosity of the Marc Fitch Fund and the Russell Trust; the committee wishes to record its gratitude to the council of the Marc Fitch Fund and to Mr David Russell for their support. The original suggestion for this meeting was put forward by Professor Rosemary Cramp, and the committee is grateful to Professor Cramp and Dr Isabel Henderson for their help throughout its organisation. The assistance of Mr J. Davidson, Mr I. Fisher, Mr A. Rutherford and Mr I.G. Scott during the preparation of this volume is gratefully acknowledged. The system of abbreviations broadly follows that of British Archaeological Abstracts with the exceptions given overleaf.

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ABBREVIATIONS

<u>DES(year)</u>	Discovery and Excavation in Scotland
<u>JRSAI</u>	Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland
<u>NSA</u>	The New Statistical Account of Scotland
<u>OSNB</u>	Ordnance Survey Name Book
<u>PPS</u>	Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society
<u>PRIA</u>	Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy
<u>PSAS</u>	Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
RCAMS	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
RCAMW	Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire
<u>Stat Acct</u>	The Statistical Account of Scotland
<u>TDGAS</u>	Transactions of the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society