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I am happy to report now that the Committee is adopting an increasingly important role in the running of the Group's affairs, with day-long meetings in September for the full meetings of the Group in October and March. One of the AGM in Shrewsbury, the problems posed by the advertising of antiquities for sale in magazines purporting to be for the lay public. The danger of this will be all too obvious to those with the best interests of archaeology at heart, for not only does it foster collecting (an anathema to the true archaeologist) but it also suggests archaeological value to suppose a desire or to private collectors is a normal and acceptable activity. The essence of the CBA-2 resolution is that such activities have no proper place in the CBA-2 and the matter has now been referred to the CBA centrally, where it is discussed during 1983. The demise of the CBA's Antiquities Bill late in 1982 was a disappointment to all concerned. The CBA's Antiquities Bill late in 1982 was a disappointment to all concerned. The CBA's Antiquities Bill late in 1982 was a disappointment to all concerned.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Much of the early part of 1982 was taken up with meetings and correspondence relating to the Dept. of Environment proposal to form an 'agency' for the administration of ancient monuments and historic buildings in England, and the potential repercussions of this for Wales. This culminated in the Group's Spring Meeting at Buthin, at which the text of our submission to the Secretary of State for Wales was agreed. The full text is appended to this report, and requires no further comment at this stage.

The highlight of our domestic was the weekend conference held at Gregynog in April to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Group. A city attendance enjoyed a most enjoyable evening covering the full chronological range from prehistoric to industrial archaeology, and aiming to review the progress made in the past 21 years as well as looking to the future. The lectures occurred on the Saturday, while the Sunday morning was given over to a discussion of each topic in turn, under separate chairmen equally well versed in their subject as the speakers; and the proceedings were concluded with a commentary on the state of archaeology in Wales, given by the CBA's President, Dr P. J. Fowler. The all proceedings of the conference were recorded on tape for the CBA's archive, which it is intended to offer to the National Library of Wales in the near future. The Group's Committee was sufficiently encouraged, both by the good attendance of the 1982 conference and by the evident enjoyment of most people who attended, to make plans for a biennial series of Gregynog conferences, each dealing with a particular topic in rather more detail than was possible under the wide coverage chosen for 1982. The first of these, in 1984, will review 'Iron Age and Romano-British Settlement in Wales & the Marches'.

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