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INTRODUCTION

The suggestion that a meeting might be arranged in Scotland for everyone closely concerned with the problems of archaeology was put forward towards the end of 1968 by Miss Audrey Henshall and Mr Graham Ritchie. The direct result of this idea was the day meeting held on March 8th 1969 at the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, Edinburgh, and the papers in this volume are those read and discussed at that meeting.

The Scottish Archaeological Forum, as it has been called subsequently, was formulated with the idea of providing an opportunity to hear, discuss and assess some of the important new discoveries and reinterpretations of material, either published or unpublished as yet, by all those working in the archaeological discipline in Scotland. The theme of the first meeting in 1969 was a broad survey of a number of archaeological topics in Scotland that are under review at present. It is intended that in the future each meeting and subsequent publication will cover more specific aspects of research.

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