

Editorial 1977

Another year's *Journal* and we are still quite a bit behind our publication schedule. Various reasons account for this, but it is hoped, nonetheless, that within a year we ought to be up to date—and hopefully we will not fall behindhand again!

Although the actual work of editing the material offered for publication seldom is great, it would certainly be facilitated were the various authors to follow the scheme for abbreviating titles, etc., used in this *Journal* since 1971. As will be appreciated, *abbreviated title should be immediately reconstructable as they stand* to be really viable, thus eliminating the necessity for publication of and reference to a "List of Abbreviations" printed elsewhere in the relevant publication. As pointed out in the Editorial of our *Journal* for 1971, your editor decided to follow the American Standard of Abbreviations, as also have done the Council for British Archaeology and most archaeological publications published in these islands. This system produces abbreviations which are sufficiently intelligible to, and easily useable by, all readers of learned journals.

Your Hon. Editor is prepared to send, on request, a copy of the abbreviated list of titles of virtually all archaeological publications produced in these islands to authors wishing to write for our *Journal*. However, the publication below of the list of Irish journals and of a selection of the more frequently used British journals may suffice in most cases.

IRISH

Clogher Rec.
Co. Louth Archaeol. J.
Donegal Ann.
Irish Eccles. Rec.
Irish Hist. Stud.
Irish Sword
J. Cork Hist. Archaeol. Soc.
J. Galway Archaeol. Hist. Soc.
J. Limerick Fld. Club
J. Kerry Archaeol. Hist. Soc.
J. Kildare Archaeol. Soc.
J. Nth. Munster Archaeol. Soc.
J. Old Athlone Soc.
J. Old Wexford Soc.
J. Roy. Soc. Antiq. Ireland
Nth. Munster Antiq. J.
Old Kilkenney Rev.
Proc. Roy. Irish Acad.
Ríocht na Midhe
Studies
Ulster J. Archaeol.

BRITISH

Antiq. J.
Antiquity
Archaeologia
Archaeol. J.
Archaeol. Cambrensis
Brit. Mus. Quart.
Brit. Numis. J.
Bull. Board Celtic Stud.
Cornish Archaeol.
Current Archaeol.
Glasgow Archaeol. J.
J. Manx Mus.
Medieval Archaeol.
Post-Medieval Archaeol.
Proc. Prehist. Soc.
Proc. Soc. Antiq. Scotland
Spink's Numis. Circ.
Trans. Dumfriesshire Galloway
Natur. Hist. Antiq. Soc.
Trans. Glasgow Archaeol. Soc.
Univ. London Inst. Archaeol. Bull.

We are continually being asked for back-numbers of our *Journal* from Libraries and individuals, and while we are able to supply most of those printed during the last eight or nine years we would like to be able to help deserving cases complete their sets. In this regard we know that very few libraries have complete sets—the National Museum and most of the University libraries, for instance, are missing various numbers published during the 1940s and 1950s. We would, therefore, ask our members to check if they have any back-numbers, of any years, which they might not require—the Society will gratefully accept any such journals which might be offered to it, preferably by donation, for sale to such libraries. By recycling such back-numbers, members would not only be assisting scholarship but would be helping the Society to benefit financially by being able to provide those libraries or scholars with missing numbers.

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