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EDITORIAL NOTE

This volume of Transactions appears under the guidance of a new and larger editorial team. Dr Colin Phillips, hitherto the senior editor, began a term of office as President of the Society in 1996. His guiding hand lies behind the present volume, and he will continue on the team in a consultative capacity, but for the moment is taking a back seat among the editors. Now is an appropriate moment to record the Society’s debt to him for his many years of close involvement with Transactions, during which it has gone from strength to strength. His place is taken by Dr Chris Lewis, who welcomes as new editors Professor John Belchem and Dr Sylvia Harrop, the latter with special responsibility for Reviews. This volume has been indexed by Mr Tom Jackson, who is warmly thanked for his services. It includes a note on earlier indexes to Transactions.

In November 1995 the Society’s members approved a new Constitution, which is accordingly printed towards the end of this volume.

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