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the press. Progress has continued during the year with the preparation of the second (Lorn) volume of the same *Inventory*, and with surveys of prehistoric and Roman monuments in Lanarkshire.

In Argyll a start was made with the excavation of a Neolithic cairn at Achnacreebeag (Lorn) and this will be continued during the coming season. In Lanarkshire the excavation of the Roman fort at Bothwell-haugh was concluded, and in Peeblesshire a newly-discovered long cist at Logan Cottage, Tweedsmuir, was examined.

(vi) *The National Monuments Record of Scotland*

The emergency surveys made during the year include Faichfield and Skellatur (Lairds' houses), Aberdeenshire; Kildalton Chapel, Islay, Argyll; cruck-framed buildings at Dunbeath, Caithness; old glass cone, Alloa, Clackmannanshire; Archibald Place and St. Margaret's Well, Edinburgh; Archerfield House, East Lothian; Kincaig House and houses in High Street, Kirkcaldy, Fife; Burnfoot (laird's house), Millearnie House and Newton of Condrie (towerhouse with later additions), Perthshire. A reconnaissance survey of vernacular architecture in Orkney was also undertaken.

The library and archives continue to expand. The most important acquisition during the year was an extensive collection of the architectural drawings of Sir Robert Lorimer, given by Mr. Stuart Matthew.

(vii) *Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments (including the National Monuments Record) for Wales and Monmouthshire*

The greater part of the first volume of the Glamorgan Inventory is now in draft and under consideration by the Commissioners.

Fieldwork for the later volumes continues. For Brecknockshire, the map lists for field investigation for earthworks are complete, and fieldwork is in progress.

The Monuments Record has continued its investigation of houses; full surveys have been made of the following: *Brecknockshire*: Trewalter, Llangorse; Aberhowy, Llangynidr; *Denbighshire*: Brymbo Hall, Brymbo; Plas-y-pentre, Llangollen; *Merioneth*: Egryn, Llanaber; Dolgoed, Tal-y-llyn; Ceiswyn, Tal-y-llyn; Bod Llosged, Ffestiniog; Tan-y-Manod, Ffestiniog; Egryn, Llanbedr, Nant Llyn Gwedd, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant; Gwastadfryn, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant; *Monmouth* Parva Farm, Tintern; *Montgomery*: Peniarth, Meifod Lower Peniarth, Meifod; Glanfeiglo, Llanfyllin; Cefn Llynfnog, Llansantffraed; Wyddigoed, Llansantffraed; Ty-mawr, Llansantffraed; Pwyllwrch, Darowen; *Pembrokeshire*: Eastington, Rhoscrowther; Norchard, Penally; No. 36 High Street, Haverfordwest; *Radnorshire*: Ciliau, Llandcilo Graban; Wegnall, Presteigne; Burfa, Evenjobb, Upper Cross Cynon, Llanbister; Lower Cross Cynon, Llanbister; Old Vicarage, Glasbury; Neuadd, Llandrindod; Monaughty, Bleddfa.

Many others have been photographed, but are not yet fully surveyed.

The records continue to grow. We wish particularly to acknowledge the receipt of the following: *Drawings*: of historical and proposed works of architecture by Messrs. North and Padmore and H. Hughes, deposited by Messrs. North, Padmore and Partners, Architects, Bangor; of historical subjects and proposed works of architecture in Wales by Gilbert Scott, Oldrid Scott, Lewis Wyatt, from R.C.H.M. (England). *Prints of Drawings*: Trewern, Welshpool, Mont., by Messrs. M. L. Chapman and W. R. Edwards, who also presented them. Hafoty, Llansadwrn, Anglesey, by Mr. D. G. Woodcock. Prints of Drawings by students presented by the Welsh School of Architecture. Broughton Burrows (Defensive Enclosure), Glam., by Mr. Bernard Morris, and deposited by him. *Photographs*: prints by B. Clayton deposited by R.C.H.M. (England); prints by Mrs. Sunter Harrison and presented by her.

In Industrial Archaeology, information has been exchanged with the National Record of Industrial Monuments panel, so that all data relating to Wales can now be consulted at Aberystwyth and at C.B.A. in London (as also at the National Museum of Wales and at the National Monuments Record for England).

The following monuments, in danger of decay or demolition have been recorded: *Brecknockshire*: Bridges in Usk Valley; Gunpowder Works at Pont Nedd Vechan; *Cardiganshire*: Devil's Bridge, near Aberystwyth; *Denbighshire*: Bleach Works, Llewenny; Industrial Cottages, Bunkers Hill, Bersham; Ruabon Terra Cotta Works; *Glamorgan*: Pont Walby; *Radnorshire*: Knucklas Viaduct.

The most important work, however, was the survey, under difficult conditions during demolition, of the monumental group, at the Severn Tunnel Pumping Station at Sudbrook, of six Harvey's beam-engines arranged radially. This group seems to have been unique in Britain.

A survey was also made for the Monuments Record of the remarkable late or post-Roman hut-system on Gateholm, Pembrokeshire. This exceptionally interesting settlement is now almost entirely obscured by the thick and increasing growth of grass tussocks, but an unusually heavy snowfall made it possible to recover much of the plan.

(viii) *Council for the Care of Churches*

The Places of Worship Commission is still in session and unlikely to report before the end of 1969. One of the subjects to which it is giving particular attention is revision of the Inspection of Churches Measure to ensure smoother operation. It may not be widely realised that all C. of E. churches (whether parish churches or those of lesser status) have to be the subject of an inspection and report by a qualified architect at five-yearly intervals. These quinquennial surveys have been in force since 1955, and in consequence of the resulting schedules of dilapidation presented to the Parochial Church Councils, the general standard of structural maintenance of churches is probably higher than