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During the early part of 1968 a number of workers in the field of ancient Western Asiatic history and civilisation established an informal study group at the Institute of Archaeology to promote the cause of archaeological and historical research in the Arabian Peninsula, a region which seemed, by comparison with the rest of the Middle East, to have been much neglected. A number of meetings of this group were held, both in London and Cambridge, and some account of these activities is to be found in the Bulletin of the Institute of Archaeology, Numbers 8 and 9 (1970), p.243 ff.

The papers presented in this pamphlet were contributed at a two-day Symposium organised by the Arabian Seminar in Cambridge in June 1970. The Symposium was held at the Middle East Centre at the invitation of its Director, Professor R B Serjeant, who also presided at the meeting.

The organisers of the Symposium are grateful to the authors of the papers, to all who attended the meetings, to the staff of the Middle East Centre, and to many other well-wishers, for their efforts and support. It is hoped that more meetings of this nature will be held, and will help to promote the study of Arabia.

The Programme was as follows:

1. A microlithic flint site in the Wadi Rum, Jordan.
Mrs L Copeland and F Hours.
2. The Danish Expedition to the Arabian Gulf.
Professor G Bibby.

3. Hierodules in Ma'in.
Professor M A Ghul.
4. Some recent views on the public institutions of Saba.
Professor J Ryckmans.
5. A visit to the Yemen Republic 1969.
Professor R B Serjeant.
6. The functional significance of the old Southern Arabian
"Town".
Professor A F L Beeston.
7. The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea.
G Mathew.
8. The Portugese occupation of the Trucial States.
Miss B de Cardi.
- 9 The first Sa'udi dynasty and Oman 1795-1818.
M Morsy Abdullah.
10. Recent coin finds in the Arabian Peninsula.
N M Lowick.
11. Film - An Archaeological Survey of the Northern Hejaz.
J E Dayton.
12. A visit to Ras al Khaimah.
Professor Dr W Dostal.

Some of the above papers are printed herein.