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## FOREWORD

The papers in this book were presented at a Symposium held at the Cement and Concrete Association, Wexham Springs, between the 6th and 9th of September 1976. This meeting followed similar Symposia held in Denmark, 1974 and Iceland, 1975. The organising committee of the London Symposium were most fortunate in being able to welcome leading experts from many parts of the World to this meeting. In the space of a single year a surprising wealth of new information and ideas has become available providing the tangible evidence of flourishing research in this field of study and the substance of this present volume. The papers have not been assembled in the precise order of original presentation but have been grouped into six sections reflecting the various aspects of the subject studied. The boundaries of the sections should be gradational since some of the papers might equally appear under several headings. However, it is hoped that the groupings chosen will provide some guidance to the reader and that the papers themselves will stimulate the interest and further researches necessary for the full understanding of the effect of alkalis on the properties of concretes.

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