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Stamp on the centenary of monuments preservation

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A 13th-century church is featured on a stamp recently issued by the Hungarian Post Office on the occasion of the centenary of regular monuments preservation work in Hungary. It was in April 1872 that the Provisional Committee for the Preservation of Monuments in Hungary was established, thereby beginning work on the systematic preservation of historic and artistic monuments in this country.

At present, 8,251 monuments, and buildings classed as national monuments, are being regularly preserved in Hungary. Beside, the historic centres of 13 towns and cities have been declared "national historic monument areas." Recently, the preservation of whole historic complexes has been at the centre of monuments preservation activity all over the world, and this sound principle has also been adopted in Hungary.

After the project set up for the preservation and rebuilding of Budapest's historic Buda Castle Hill complex, the Government also adopted projects for the preservation and restoration of the historic cores of the west Hungarian towns of Sopron and Kőszeg. Similar work is getting under way in the west Hungarian towns of Székesfehérvár, whose history reaches back to the 10th century A. D., and Győr.

