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ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

P. W. P. CARLYON-BRITTON, ESQ., F.S.A., D.L.,
President, in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Report of the Council for the second year since the Inauguration of the Society, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

To the Members of the British Numismatic Society.

The Council have the honour to lay before the members their second Annual Report.

On the 30th November, 1904, the Society consisted of 2 Royal, 3 Honorary, and 504 Members.—Total 509.

With deep regret the Council record the decease of the six following members:

Alfred Barter, Esq.
James Henry Crofts, Esq.
Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.A., LL.D., F.S.A.
Percival Cheyney Plowman, Esq.
Gordon F. Ruck, Esq.
John William Tyler, Esq., a Lieutenant of the City of London.

The Council regret to announce the resignation of the twenty-five following Members:

M. T. Baines, Esq., M.A.
Cecil Bigwood, Esq., M.A.
And sixteen others will at the Anniversary Meeting be admitted under the provisions of Chapter IV, Section III, of the Rules.

On the other hand, the Council have the pleasure to record the high honour conferred upon the Society by the gracious consent of the following fourteen Royal Personages to become Royal Members:—

Royal Members.

Her Majesty The Queen.
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.
Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales.
Her Royal Highness The Princess Christian.
Her Royal Highness The Princess Henry of Battenberg.
In alphabetical order.

His Majesty Leopold II., King of the Belgians.
His Majesty Christian IX., King of Denmark.
His Royal Highness The Crown Prince of Denmark.
His Majesty George, King of the Hellenes.
His Royal Highness The Prince Royal of the Hellenes.
Her Majesty The Queen of Italy.
Her Majesty The Queen of Portugal.
His Majesty Alfonso XIII., King of Spain.
Her Majesty Queen Cristina of Spain.

The election of the sixteen Honorary Members will be gratifying to the Society:

Honorary Members.

The Rt. Hon. The Countess of Yarborough, Baroness Fauconberg, Baroness Conyers.

His Excellency The Marquis De Soveral, G.C.M.G.,

His Excellency The Count De Lalaing, Env. Ex. and Min.
Plen. of H.M. The King of the Belgians.

His Excellency Count Albert Mensdorff-Pouilly-Dietrichstein, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at the Court of St. James's.

His Excellency Monsieur Frank Ernest De Bille, G.C.V.O.,
Env. Ex. and Min. Plen. of H.M. the King of Denmark.

His Excellency Monsieur Paul Cambon, G.C.V.O., French
Ambassador at the Court of St. James's.

His Excellency Count Paul Wolff-Metternich, German
Ambassador at the Court of St. James's.

His Excellency Commendatore Alberto Pansa, G.C.V.O.,
Italian Ambassador at the Court of St. James's.

His Excellency Viscount Tadasu Hayashi, Env. Ex. and
Min. Plen. of H.I.M. the Emperor of Japan.
Anniversary Meeting.

His Excellency Baron Gericke van Herwijnen, Env. Ex. and Min. Plen. of H.M. the Queen of the Netherlands.
His Excellency The Count de Benckendorff, Russian Ambassador at the Court of St. James's.
His Excellency Baron C. Bildt, Env. Ex. and Min. Plen. of H.M. the King of Sweden.
Vernon Horace Rendall, Esq., B.A., Editor of the Athenæum.
His Excellency Monsieur Gaston Carlin, Env. Ex. and Min. Plen. of the Republic of Switzerland.
His Excellency Señor Don Luis Polo de Bernabé, G.C.V.O., Spanish Ambassador at the Court of St. James's.
His Excellency The Hon. Whitelaw Reid, American Ambassador at the Court of St. James's.

The following forty-three Members have also been elected during the year:—

Members.

Robert A. Ababrelton, Esq., F.R.G.S.
Alfred Anscombe, Esq.
Frederick Henry Appleby, Esq., M.R.C.S.
Fassett Ernest Arbouin, Esq., F.R.G.S.
George Augustus Auden, Esq., M.A., M.D.
The Rev. Dr. Andrew B. Baird.
Philip Berney-Ficklin, Esq., F.S.A.
Samuel Hudson Chapman, Esq.
Herman B. Eisenberg, Esq.
Frank Ellison, Esq.
Albert Eugster, Esq.
William Robert Gregson, Esq.
Ernest Gunson, Esq.
Bernard Guy Harrison, Esq.
Lionel Mowbray Hewlett, Esq.
Montagu Edward Hughes-Hughes, Esq.
Leonard Wolfgang Just, Esq.
Emil Julius Kafka, Esq., B.A.
The Municipal Libraries of Leicester, C. V. Kirkby, Esq.
    Librarian.
Lt.-Col. Thomas Lloyd-Barrow, R.A.M.C.
Richard Cyril Lockett, Esq.
B. Max Mehl, Esq.
Percival Cheyney Plowman, Esq. (since deceased).
Henry Perry, Esq.
Mrs. P. W. Remnant.
James Hall Renton, Esq.
Major Robert William Richardson.
Thomas Leonard Roberts, Esq.
Gordon F. Ruck, Esq. (since deceased).
Henry H. Schloesser, Esq.
Herr Jacques Schulman.
Sir Alfred Scott Scott-Gatty, Knight, Garter Principal King
    of Arms, F.S.A.
Miss Mabel Florence Spindler.
Henry Steers, Esq.
Egbert Franklin Ludwig Steinthal, Esq.
Jabez Summers, Esq.
Leonard Tubbs, Esq., M.A.
John F. Walker, Esq., M.A., F.G.S.
George H. Ward, Esq.
Harold Tansley Witt, Esq.
Anniversary Meeting,

Summary.

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It will thus be seen that the popularity of the Society is fully continued, and any current vacancies in the limit of 500 members are immediately filled by candidates for election. It must be remembered that between a vacancy occurring, and the election of a new member, two monthly meetings have to be held; hence it is impossible to maintain the number of ordinary members exactly at the limit. The Society has again to thank Messrs. Upton and Britton for their generosity in continuing to place the suite of rooms at 43, Bedford Square, at its service which members will appreciate more when they are reminded that it is owing to this, coupled with the voluntary efforts of all its Officers, that the Society is enabled to return to its Members a *Journal* of its Proceedings in a form which has never been previously attempted by any Society supported by guinea subscriptions.

In this relation the Council wish to thank the Members for their patience in awaiting the issue of Vol. I of the *Journal*. The difficulties of the first Volume of a series are proverbial, for everything has to be selected and arranged with a view to uniformity in the future.
Proceedings of the Society.

It is usual in such circumstances to follow the style of some similar publication, and adapt it to that required; but in this instance, no such publication exists, and therefore the Editors, with the approval of the Council, started de novo and constructed the volume. The Council have been gratified by the very numerous expressions of approval, both by letter and verbally, which have greeted its issue and, if they may accept these as indicative of the general opinion of members, they are more than satisfied with the result, and on behalf of the Society they tender their thanks to the Editors, Mr. Carlyon-Britton, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Andrew, for the work which they have so successfully undertaken, and to Mr. W. Talbot Ready, for his assistance in preparing and arranging the casts of the coins for illustration.

The Council congratulate the Treasurer upon his financial report, which is, again, an indication of the continued stability of the Society. In reviewing this report, it may be mentioned that the construction of a volume is more costly than its continuance, and therefore the expenses of the past year have probably been rather heavier than they will be in the future.

The gracious favour of H.M. Queen Alexandra in consenting to honour the British Numismatic Society by becoming a Royal Member, will appeal to the loyal feelings of every numismatologist, and when Her Majesty's example is so generously followed by similar patronage in Britain and abroad, the Society will appreciate the very high honour it has received in the kindly encouragement of those whose names appear in the list of Royal Members of the Society, and who, amongst the cares and responsibilities of great matters of state, can yet find time to lend support towards the study of Art and the enlightenment of History. The same appreciation also must be extended to those who have accepted the position of Honorary Members of this Society.

The Council are indebted to the various contributors of the interesting series of papers which have been read at the various Meetings during the past year, and which in their opinion have fully maintained the quality of the Society's literary efforts. In particular
they would draw attention to the paper "Portraiture of the Stuarts on the Royalist Badges" contributed and read by Miss Helen Farquhar as an example which they trust will be followed by other ladies of literary tastes. A feature of most gratifying interest has been the quantity and quality of the coins, tokens, medals, and curios, so profusely exhibited at the meetings. These contributions by individual members are half the charm of the gatherings, and it cannot be too widely known that whatever is shown must almost certainly be of special interest to some one or more of the many present. The names of the exhibitors are published in the minutes of the proceedings, and to them the Council wish to convey their thanks, for—and it is a fortunate circumstance for the Society—they are too numerous to be mentioned here. But all will agree that the remarkable collection of Stuart relics and curios exhibited by Mr. Berney-Ficklin at the October meeting, entitles it to special notice in this report. At one or two of the meetings in the past year, lantern slides have been introduced, to add to the interest of the proceedings, and to assist the contributor in the illustration of his subject. The Council take this opportunity of notifying to Members that any contributor who will prepare slides for this purpose, may have the advantage of the innovation. They also remind them, in the words of the President (Vol. 1, p. 8), that "the pages of the Journal are open to all; all are invited to contribute to them, and the interest and importance of the papers received will be the only gauge in their selection for publication."

In conclusion, the Council have the pleasure to report that during his recent visit, His Majesty the King of Spain graciously consented to receive a deputation from the Society at the Spanish Embassy on June the 6th, when an illuminated address in the following terms was presented to his Majesty:

To His Catholic Majesty,
Alfonso XIII. King of Spain, Castille, Leon, Aragon, The Two Sicilies, &c.
May it please your Majesty,
We, the President, Council, and Members of the British Numismatic Society, in tendering our welcome to your Majesty as one
of our Royal Members, desire to express more fully than has hitherto been possible, our deep sense of the great honour which the Society has received in being permitted to enrol your Majesty upon its list of Membership.

The series of British coins is enriched by those bearing the name and titles, and in some instances the portrait also, of your Majesty's Predecessor King Philip, together with those of his Consort Queen Mary, our own Hereditary Sovereign, and the adaptation of the Spanish Dollar in the reign of His late Majesty King George III. for the silver currency of this country, and of certain Colonies, affords a most interesting numismatic connection with your Majesty's realms.

We are proud to have been permitted to enrol upon our list of membership the Sovereign and Representative of a people which took the lead amongst the nations of the World in discovery, in literature, and in art, and most gratefully accept the opportunity afforded us by the tendering of this our welcome, to assure Your Majesty not only of our profound sense of the honour we have received, but also of our own deep affection and respect for your Majesty and the Royal House of Spain, as to which we feel assured we do no more than voice sentiments which are universal in this country. We trust also that we may be permitted to express our sincere prayer and desire that your Majesty's Reign may be prolonged in happiness to a far distant period, and that the present occasion may be but the commencement of an intimate association of the two nations for their mutual benefit and lasting advantage.

Signed on behalf of the Society,

P. Carlyon-Britton, President.
G. R. Askwith, Vice-President.
F. D. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Vice-President.
H. W. Morrieson, Lieut.-Col., R.G.A.
A. C. Fox-Davies.
L. A. Lawrence, Director.
R. H. Wood, Treasurer.
W. J. Andrew, Secretary.

The members of the deputation were so graciously and cordially received by His Majesty, who shook hands with each, that the President ventured to express the hope that in the near future the Society might be further honoured by being allowed to enrol the name of a Queen Consort of Spain among its patrons. His Majesty, who was evidently amused, smiled and replied, "Meanwhile there is a
Queen of Spain, and if you will send me your application, I will myself present it to her, and ask her to comply with your request.” That His Majesty did not forget his kindness is evidenced by the name of Her Majesty Queen Cristina of Spain in the roll of Royal Members of the British Numismatic Society. Afterwards the deputation were entertained at the Embassy by His Excellency Señor Don Luis Polo de Bernabé, G.C.V.O., Honorary Member of this Society.

The members forming the deputation were:—

The President.—P. W. P. Carlyon-Britton, F.S.A., D.L.
Vice-Presidents.—Sir Frederick D. Dixon-Hartland, Bart., M.P., F.S.A.
G. R. Askwith, M.A.
The Director.—L. A. Lawrence.
The Honorary Treasurer.—Russell H. Wood.
The Honorary Secretary.—W. J. Andrew, F.S.A.
The Council.—Lt.-Col. H. W. Morrieson, R.G.A.
Member.—A. C. Fox-Davies.

The Council desire to thank Mr. Fox-Davies for his valuable assistance in undertaking the preparation of the Address.

The Report was received with applause by the Members present. It was moved by Mr. Walcott, seconded by Mr. Oswald-Fitch, and resolved that the same be adopted.

Ballot for Election of Officers and Council for the Session 1906.

The President declared that the ballot was open from 8.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m., and, with the approval of the meeting, nominated Mr. Lambert and Mr. Taffs as Scrutators. The votes having been examined, the Scrutators reported to the Chairman, who announced that the large number of members who had voted were with one exception unanimous in the election of the Officers and Members of the Council as suggested in the balloting list, viz. :—
Proceedings of the Society.

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.
SESSION 1906.

President.


Vice-Presidents.

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF AILESBOURY.
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF PGWIS, Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire.
BERNARD ROTH, ESQ., F.R.C.S., J.P.
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL EGERTON OF TATTON, M.A.

Director.

L. A. LAWRENCE, ESQ., F.R.C.S.

Hon. Treasurer.

RUSSELL H. WOOD, ESQ., A.C.A.

Hon. Librarian.

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. W. MORRIESON, R.G.A.

Hon. Secretary.

W. J. ANDREW, ESQ., F.S.A.

Council,

G. R. ASKWITH, ESQ., M.A.
A. H. BALDWIN, ESQ.
J. B. CALDECOTT, ESQ.
F. A. CRISP, ESQ., F.S.A.
R. GEOFFREY ELLIS, ESQ., B.A.
MAJOR WILLIAM J. FREER, V.D., F.S.A.
RICHARD A. HOBLYN, ESQ., F.S.A.
PHILIP NELSON, ESQ., M.D., CH.B.
W. SHARP OGDEN, ESQ.
H. M. REYNOLDS, ESQ.
F. STROUD, ESQ., Recorder of Tewkesbury.
EDWARD UPTON, ESQ., F.Z.S.
W. J. WEBSTER, ESQ.
Anni-versary Meeting.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer read the Balance Sheet for the past financial year, distributing copies of the same to members present, and also read the Auditors' Certificate at the foot of the same, certifying that the accounts had been audited and found correct.

It was moved by Mr. Bernard Roth, seconded by Mr. Upton, and resolved that the Treasurer's accounts be adopted.

Chapter IV, Section III.

The President read the names of sixteen members who had failed to pay their subscriptions for 1904, and made an entry of their amoval against their names in the Register of the Society in accordance with Chapter IV, Section III, of the Rules.

Paper.

The President.—"A Numismatic History of the Reigns of William I. and II. Part I."

The President read a synopsis of the first part of his "Numismatic History of the Reigns of William I. and II.," a treatise upon the effect of the Conquest on the coinage of England as viewed in a strictly historical light, and containing full details of the money then issued from some seventy of the principal towns throughout England and Wales. The author commenced with a description of the silver penny, which, with its mechanically divided halfpence and fourthings, was the only denomination of money then in currency, and discussed its manual production from the dies, its purchasing power, the various historical references to it as a coin, and to its dies, the status of the moneyers, and the position and powers of the numerous mints. In Chapter II, he reviewed the particulars of the many discoveries of hoards of these coins during the last two centuries, and from these deduced much support to his rearrangement of the successive coinages. Chapter III was devoted to the history of the two kings and their Great Seals, with the analogy between the latter
and the contemporary money. But it was in the next chapter that Mr. Carlyon-Britton was able to correct all previous writers on the subject by methods purely his own. It was the custom of the Norman Kings to change the type or device of the money every three years, and therefore we have eight types of William I. and five of William II. The order of some of these had already been ascertained by the evidence of finds and the existence of “mule” coins, which bear one type for their obverse and the succeeding type for their reverse. There were, however, other types to which these guides could not be applied, and these had, consequently, been misplaced, and one had been assigned to the wrong king. The writer, however, assuming that when the old money was called in, some of it would be restruck and issued as new, had searched not only his own large collection, but also the principal public and private collections in the country, for specimens bearing traces of a previous type. This resulted in his being able to correct and prove the chronological sequence of the whole series of the coinage of these two kings. He was thus enabled to date the types, and to bring them into accord with the passing historical and political events of the day. As an instance of the astronomical superstition of the period, it is curious to note that, coincident with the record in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle of an extraordinary star shining in the evening, which men supposed was a comet, a star is added to the coinage then current, although the same type had previously been issued without it.

During the reading of the paper Mr. G. R. Askwith as Vice-President, occupied the Chair, and at its close moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the President for his monograph, and also for his efforts in having brought the Society to its present high position. This was seconded by Mr. Hamer and carried with acclamation.
THE JOURNAL.

Notice to Members.—As the preparation, illustrating and editing of these volumes, coupled with the general work in connection with the Society, occupy the otherwise leisure hours of the Editors for at least six months, members will understand why the date of publication of each year’s proceedings is the following autumn.

W. J. Andrew,
Honorary Secretary.