

By Mr. E. H. Wheeler :—Pennies of Eadgar towards elucidation of the question raised by Mr. Francis as to the meaning of the letter B in the title of the coin reading +EADGAR·REX B exhibited by him at the last Meeting. The references are to the *British Museum Catalogue*, vol. ii.

+ EADGAR' REX C	+ FÆSTOLFS MONE	III, Series B.
Pellet in the field.		
+ EADGAR' REX G	+ FA·STOLF· BOIGA	„ „ „
+ EADGAR REX · I	∇PIFE RÐ MO	I, „ „
Pellet in each angle		
of the initial cross.		
+ EADGAR REX N	+ FASTOL·F + MON	III, „ „
+ EADGAR: REX !	+ FA·STOLF: RAFN	„ „ „
+ EADGAR RE: C	· DVRA ND M̄O	I, „ „
+ EADGAR : REX TOB	+ DVRAND·ES MO TPI	III

The TPI = Twynham, now Christchurch.

By Mr. A. C. Crane :—Medal by Minton to Thomas Graham, 1805–1869, the last Master of the Mint before the office was merged in that of the Chancellors of the Exchequer.

By Mr. Henry Garside :—

Trial pieces struck in copper from the dies used for the bronze coinage of a halfpenny dated 1861, with the initials, incuse, of Leonard Charles Wyon on the reverse, and a farthing dated 1860.

British Honduras. The series dated 1919 of 50-, 25- and 10 cents in silver, 5 cents in copper-nickel and the cent in bronze.

Paper.

THE MINT OF CHESTER.

Mr. Willoughby Gardner, F.S.A., read the first half of his treatise on the Mint of Chester—one of the most interesting papers ever contributed to the Society. He reviewed the story of the city from its foundation, and explained the causes which led to the similarity

and consequent confusion of its name with that of Leicester—a confusion not confined to numismatists of the nineteenth century, but prevalent with our mediæval chroniclers. In this relation, where the name of the mint was absent from the coins, or insufficient to distinguish it from that of Leicester, he had resorted to the moneyers' names and to local characteristics in spelling as factors for the attribution and division of not only the doubtful readings, but also of many as to which no attempt at location had hitherto been made. Historically, he demurred to the late Professor Freeman's belief that early Chester lay for centuries desolate in its ruins, and, numismatically, his explanation of the penny attributed by Major Carlyon-Britton¹ to the Welsh king, Howel Dda, 913-948, which bore the name of the Chester moneyer *Gillys*, threw more light upon that remarkable coin. But it was as impossible to do justice to the paper in these rationed lines as it was for the Members present to examine and adequately appreciate in the time at their disposal the three hundred, and more, carefully selected coins from his collection, which represented almost a complete series of the money issued from the mint at Chester from the reign of Athelstan, A.D. 925-941, to the reformation of the coinage by William of Orange in 1696. But the paper, when completed, will be printed in the *Journal*, and as many of the coins illustrated as is possible.

ORDINARY MEETING.

Wednesday, May 25th, 1921.

MR. F. A. WALTERS, F.S.A.,
President, in the Chair.

Mr. J. Nevin was elected a Member.

Mr. H. A. Parsons, as Librarian, reported the completion of his removal of the Society's books and effects to the new library,

¹ Volume ii, pp. 31-41, of the *Journal*.

which had the advantage of being with the other rooms upon the ground floor.

The President congratulated him upon the expedition and success of his arrangements and moved a vote of thanks to him, which was accorded.

Donations.

The Secretary reported that Miss H. Farquhar had offered to contribute £6 11s., the balance of the cost of the new bookcases.

In moving a vote of thanks to Admiral The Marquess of Milford Haven, an Hon. Member of the Society, for the presentation to the Library of his work *British Naval Medals*, the Librarian referred to it as one of the most valuable and important books yet published on medallic history and art.

The thanks of the Society were accorded to these two donors.

Exhibitions.

By Mr. Shirley-Fox :—The series of coins referred to in his paper.

By Mr. Ernest H. Wheeler :—Edward I. Three varieties of the groat. 1. Tressure of double lines ; trefoil of pellets below the bust. 2. Tressure of treble lines ; quatrefoil of pellets upon the breast. 3. Tressure of treble lines ; rosette as brooch to the collar of the mantle, which resembles a ring around the neck. All in brilliant condition.

By the President :—Henry VI, issued during the six months of his restoration, October, 1470, to April, 1471. Halfpenny of the Bristol mint ; obverse, *HENRICVS DI GRT REX, reverse, VILLIT BRISTOV, weight 5½ grains. He explained that he was aware of one other example of this coin, and it was presented to the British Museum a few years ago.

By Mr. Lionel L. Fletcher :—City of London broker's medal, engraved, bearing the name, Richard Buller, 1708.

By Mr. Henry Garside :—

Trial piece in copper from the reverse die, by J. B. Merlen, for the half-crown of George IV. Coins bearing this reverse are dated 1825, 1826, 1828, and 1829.