

used to be worn by the Russian Guards. This I have verified by comparison with a photograph of one of their helmets.

The Order was the highest in the late Empire, and entitled the recipient to wear the additional Orders of St. Anne, Alexander Newsky, and St. Stanislaus; and an officer of the Russian Guards, now a refugee in this country, tells me that he believes that only three Russian Members of the Order survive, and, in the hands of the Bolsheviki, they are in such straitened circumstances that they are slowly dying of starvation.

THE WASHINGTON MANOR HOUSE OF SULGRAVE.

With his medal Mr. William C. Wells contributed the following notes:—

Lawrence Washington settled in Northampton in the reign of Henry VIII, and soon became a prominent burgess, being elected mayor in 1532 and again in 1545. On the dissolution of the monasteries he obtained a grant from Henry VIII of the Manor of Sulgrave, which had been alienated from the Priory of St. Andrew at Northampton. He died in 1584 and was succeeded by his son Robert, who, with the consent of his eldest son, Lawrence, sold the manor in 1610.

A younger son of the last-named Lawrence was the Rev. Lawrence Washington, Rector of Purleigh, Essex, from 1633 to 1643, whose eldest son, John, emigrated to Virginia in 1657, and was the great-grandfather of George Washington, first President of the United States of America.

The present Manor House at Sulgrave—that reproduced upon the medal—is but a small portion of the original structure, the building of which was commenced by the first Lawrence shortly before his death in 1584. But it is of special interest because in the spandrils of the doorway are the Washington arms, now so well known as “the stars and stripes” of the American national flag.

ORDINARY MEETING.

Wednesday, October 26th, 1921.

Mr. F. A. WALTERS, F.S.A.,

President, in the Chair.

The President referred in feeling terms to the death of Admiral of the Fleet the Marquess of Milford Haven, who had been an Honorary Member of the Society since 1912. He was an expert on Naval medals and contributed "Medallic Illustrations of Naval History" to Volume XIII of the *Journal*. He had arranged with the Secretary to again address the Members in the near future, and had presented copies of his great work on British Naval medals and Part I of his *Foreign Naval Medals* to the Library. A vote of condolence was then passed, all present standing in silence.

The President announced that Mr. John Sanford Saltus, of New York, Officier de la Légion d'honneur, and a Vice-President, to whom the Society already owed much of its sound financial position to-day, had made a further donation to its funds of £107 in English money. A grateful vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Saltus for this welcome proof of his continued generosity and support.

Mr. A. H. Baldwin and Mr. W. Beresford Smith were reappointed Auditors for the year.

Presentations.

By the Argentine Minister: The large centennial medal in bronze of the birth of General Bartolomé Mitre, Argentine statesman, historian, publicist, and President of the Republic. The artistic effect of the medal was admired, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Donor.

To the Library.

By Lieut.-Colonel H. W. Morrieson: *The Town Council Seals of Scotland*, by Alexander Porteous.

By Mr. W. B. Thorpe: Volumes I and II of the *Journal*, the Society being in need of copies of these two early volumes to enable it to complete sets for new Members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to these two Donors.

Exhibitions.

In illustration of Mr. Andrew's paper.

By Mr. Ernest H. Wheeler:—Stephen, the coin reading **✠ SMEPIN : ON : LVND** first described in the paper. Matilda, Hawkins 634, **: MÆTILDI : I[MP :]**; reverse, **✠ SVET[IN]G : ON : OX : Oxford**; in exceptionally perfect condition. Henry II, Hawkins 285, three pennies of York and Newcastle, selected for their state of preservation and because one of the former bears annulets upon the crown and on the King's shoulder.

By the President:—Stephen, the penny from the late Lord Peckover's Collection . reading **✠ LIEFRED : ON LVND**, of the type attributed to the Abbot of Reading in the paper. It was found in the river Witham.

By Mr. S. M. Spink.—A similar coin from the Rashleigh Collection; the penny of David I of Scotland, struck at Carlisle, also described in the paper; and two examples of different workmanship of the usual type, bearing Stephen's name, from the same mint for comparison.

By Major P. W. P. Carlyon-Britton:—The remarkable penny, of which no other example is known, attributed to the Abbot of St. Edmund's in the paper.

By Mr. W. C. Wells:—The coin of Hawkins 276, of Northampton **✠ STIEFNE**: reverse, **PÆN : ON : NORÞ :**; two of 270, **✠ PÆN : ON : NORÞAN :** and a contemporary imitation of the same. Also coins of Ethelred II and Canute of the Stamford Mint, proving alterations to dies by examples struck both before and after the addition of a pellet to them.