AN EXHIBITION OF COINS OF HENRY VIII

The coins of Henry VIII have never had all the attention they deserve. They seem so straightforward a series; nevertheless they present to the student numismatist problems of interest. Has anyone ever seen a mule groat of the first coinage between the mint-marks “Pheon”, “Castle”, and “Portcullis”? The use of Roman letters on both sides of what are believed to be the earliest of the groats and half-groats of the second coinage has still to be explained. The mint-mark “Lis” comes not only early in the series of groats and half-groats of the second coinage, but is found again muled with the “Pheon” at the end of the series.

Dr. Lawrence has suggested that careful study of the groats with mint-mark “Lis” on both sides might make it possible to divide them into two groups, an early one coming immediately after the “Rose”, and a later one coming between the “Arrowhead” and “Pheon”.

Mr. Lockett’s 17 Testoons are remarkable not only for their fine state, which alone makes their reproduction on Plates I and II a notable feature of this issue of our journal, but also because they are all different. The inclusion in the exhibition of four “sovereign” pennies not listed in Brooke is something on which Mr. Lockett is to be congratulated, and indicates that there is still work to be done on this reign.

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HENRY VIII

1. London Groat. Altered die of Henry VII.

2. Canterbury Penny, 2nd issue. Sovereign type. i.m. uncertain, keylike object. Obv. only.
   
   R: D: G: ROSÆ: SIG: SPIÆ
   CIVI TAS CAN TOR W-Æ at sides of shield. Pl. I, fig. 1.

3. Canterbury Penny, 2nd issue. Sovereign type. i.m. cross fleury. Obv. only.
   
   R: D: G: ROSÆ: SIG: SPIÆ
   CIVI TAS- + CAN TOR W-Æ at sides of shield. Pl. I, fig. 2.

4. Canterbury Penny, 2nd issue. Sovereign type. i.m. T Obv. only.
   
   R: D: G: ROSÆ: SIG: SPIÆ
   CIVI TAS CAN TOR W-Æ at sides of shield. Pl. I, fig. 3.

5. York Penny, 2nd issue. Sovereign type. i.m. (key).
   
   R: D: G: ROSÆ: SIG: SPIÆ
   CIVITAS GBO RAGI G-Æ at sides of shield. Forks of cross
   Unknown to Brooke. Pl. I, fig. 4.
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2nd coinage. Coins with Roman lettering. i.m. rose.

6. HENRIC VIII DI GRA REX ANGLI Z FRAN
   POSVI DEV A DIVTOR E MEV + Half sunflowers in forks.
   Roman letters both sides except Μ of ΜΕVM.

7. HENRIC VIII DI GRA REX ANGLI Z FRAN
   POSVI DEV A DIVTOR Α' ΜΕV' + in forks.
   Roman letters. Obv. only.

8. HENRIC VIII DI GRA REX ANGLI Z FRAN
   POSVI DEV A DIVTO E ΜΕV + in forks.
   Roman letters. Obv. only. Both obverse and reverse are from different dies
to the previous coin.

London Groats. Roman lettering. i.m. rose.

9. HENRIC VIII DI G R ANGLI Z FRAN
   POSVI DIV E MEV + in forks.
   Roman letters and i.m. both sides.

London Half Groats. Roman lettering. i.m. lis.

10. HENRIC VIII DI G R ANGLI Z FRAN
     POSVI DIVO E ΜΕV Nothing in forks.
     Roman letters and i.m. on Obv. only.

Canterbury Half Groats, 2nd coinage. Roman lettering. i.m. uncertain object.

12. HENRIC VIII DI G R ANGLI Z FRAN
     GIVITAS CANTOR Nothing in forks. W Α at sides of shield.
     Roman lettering and i.m. Obv. only.

13. HENRIC VIII DI G R ANGLI Z FRAN
     Α IVITAS CANTOR Nothing in forks. W Α at sides of shield.
     Roman lettering and i.m. Obv. only.

14. HENRIC VIII DI G R ANGLI Z FRAN
     GIVITAS CANTOR + Nothing in forks. W Α at sides of shield.
     Roman lettering and i.m. Obv. only. Very unusual with GRAN.

15. HENRIC VIII DI G R ANGLI Z RAN
     CANTOR CANTOR + in forks. W Α at sides of shield.
     C like reversed D. i.m. Obv. only.

16. HENRIC VIII DI G R ANGLI Z RAN
     GIVITAS CANTOR Nothing in forks. W Α at sides of shield.
     C like reversed D. i.m. Obv. only.
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CIVI TAS: CANTOR:** + in forks. No W-Ą at sides of shield.

**London Groats. 2nd coinage.** i.m. *pheon* on both sides. With Irish title proclaimed May 1544.


POSVI DEV : A DIVTOR E : *MEV** + in forks of cross.


The details of the king's dress differ slightly.

POSVI DEV : A DIVTOR E : *MEV** + in forks of cross.


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Roman M's on Rev. Barnes Call. PI. I, fig. 5.


Roman M's on Rev. Evans Call. PI. I, fig. 6.


POSVI : DEVM : ADIVTORIUM : MEVM : *

lis at end of legend as well as at beginning.

Barnes Coll. Pl. I, fig. 7.

24. **HENRIC: VIII ... RRA : Z × HIB : REX :**

POSVI : DEVM : ADIVTORIUM : MEVM : *

Large rose.

Roman letters both sides.

Webb Coll. Pl. I, fig. 8.

25. **HENRIC: VIII : DI : G : AGLU : RRA : Z × HIB REX :**

POSVI : D-VM ADIVTORIUM : MEVM : *

Large crown.

Small rose.

Roman letters reverse only. Pl. I, fig. 9.


POSVI : DEVM : ADIVTORIUM : MEVM : *

Webb Coll. Pl. I, fig. 10.

27. **HENRIC: VIII : DI : G : AGLU : RRA : Z × HIB : REX :**

POSVI : DEVM : ADIVTORIUM : MEVM : *

Webb Coll. Pl. I, fig. 11.
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    POSV : DEV : ΠΑΙΔΙΤΟΡΙΟΥΜ : ΜΕΒΜ :
    O on inner circle below Μ of ΜΕΒΜ. R. Carlyon-Britton Coll.
    Pl. I, fig. 12.

    POSV : DEV : ΠΑΙΔΙΤΟΡΙΟΥΜ : ΜΕΒΜ :
    O on inner circle between Η and V of ΜΕΒΜ. R. Carlyon-Britton Coll.
    Pl. I, fig. 13.

    POSV : DEV : ΠΑΙΔΙΤΟΡΙΟΥΜ : ΜΕΒΜ :

    POSV : DEV : ΠΑΙΔΙΤΟΡΙΟΥΜ : ΜΕΒΜ :
    Hilton Price Coll. Pl. II, fig. 15.

    POSV : DEV : ΠΑΙΔΙΤΟΡΙΟΥΜ : ΜΕΒΜ :
    Dimsdale, Hall, Durrant, Brown, Bergne, Brice, Montagu, Fitch, and R. Carlyon-Britton Coll. Pl. II, fig. 16.

**Testoons. Auxiliary London Mints. i.m. G Obv., Rev. S**

33. **hENRIC** 8 : D : G : AGL : FRA : Z : HIB : REX :
    Rev. ✿ ✿ CIVITAS ✿ ✿ LONDON ✿ ✿ ✿ ✿ ✿
    Pl. II, fig. 17.

34. **hENRIC** 8 : D : G : AGL : FRA : Z : HIB : REX :
    Rev. ✿ ✿ CIVITAS ✿ ✿ LONDON ✿ ✿ ✿ ✿ ✿
    R. Carlyon-Britton Coll. Pl. II, fig. 18.

**Testoons. Bristol Mint. i.m. W S in monogram rev. only.**

36. **hENRIC** 8 : D : G : AGL : FRA : HIB : REX :
    : W : CIVITAS ✿ ✿ : BRISTOL ✿
    Ornamental lettering, peculiar Ηs. Webb Coll.
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i.m. W S in monogram. Rev. only.  Pl. II, fig. 20.

37. HENRIC VIII DEI GRA ET HIB REX.
   :: W :: CvyyTa :: :: :: BRIStOWI.
   Ornamental lettering, different A in RRA.  Pl. II, fig. 21.

38. London Groat, 4th coinage. i.m. lis both sides. Lombardic letters both sides.
   :: stops. Crescent and pellets in forks of cross. O on inner circle under M of
   RRR. Cf. Testoons Nos. 28 and 29.

Mr. A. H. F. Baldwin has sent particulars of two gold coins in his possession,
illustrations of which appear on Plate II (nos. 22 and 23).

No. 22. Bristol Sovereign of Henry VIII. i.m. W.S. monogram, rosette stops.
   Obv. HENRIC VIII DEI GRA ET HIB REX.
   Rev. IHS AVTEM TRANSIENS PER MEDI VM ILLOR IBAT.
   This coin is listed in Brooke but does not seem to have been illustrated anywhere.
   Pl. II, fig. 22.

No. 23. Half-Sovereign of Edward VI. i.m. bow (Durham House).
   Obv. EDWARD VI DEI GRA ET HIB REX.
   Rev. SCVTVM FIDEI PROTEGET EVM.
   This coin is not listed in Brooke and is, Mr. Baldwin claims, unpublished.
   Pl. II, fig. 23.

NOTES

I. Owing to the difficulty of finding type to correspond with the marks used on the
   coins, the stops indicated in the lists are not always exactly like the stops on the coins.
   The reader is therefore referred to the plates.

II. It will be seen on the plates that on the Testoons the King's hair is treated in different
   styles. On figures 5–13 the side locks are bunched against the King's face, whilst on
   figures 14–16 they lie closer to the cheeks. Also the spikes of the calyx of the full-blown
   rose on the reverse vary in position. Compare figure 5 with figure 8.