

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.

h † D † G † ROS † * SIE † SPI † †

QIVI T † S Q † AN TOR W-† at sides of shield. Pl. I, fig. 1.

3. *Canterbury Penny, 2nd issue*. Sovereign type. i.m. *cross fleury*. *Obv.* only.

h † D † G † ROS † † SIE † * SPI † A

QIVI T † S * + Q † AN TOR W-† at sides of shield. Pl. I, fig. 2.

4. *Canterbury Penny, 2nd issue*. Sovereign type. i.m. † *Obv.* only.

h † D † G † ROS † + SIE † SPI † *

QIVI T † S Q † AN TOR W-† at sides of shield. Pl. I, fig. 3.

5. *York Penny, 2nd issue*. Sovereign type. i.m. † (key).

h † D † G † ROS † † SIE † SPI † †

QIV IT † S EBO R † ANI E-U at sides of shield. Forks of cross †

Unknown to Brooke. Pl. I, fig. 4.

2nd coinage. Coins with Roman lettering. i.m. rose.

London Groats.

6. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ GRA ꝛ REX ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 POSVI DEV ꝛ A DIVTOR ꝛ E ꝛ MEV' Half sunflowers in forks.
 Roman letters both sides except M of MEVM.

7. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ GRA ꝛ REX ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 POSVI + DEV ꝛ A DIVTOR E' ꝛ MEV' + in forks.
 Roman letters. *Obv.* only.

8. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ GRA ꝛ REX ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 POSVI DEV' ꝛ A DIVTOR E' ꝛ MEV' + in forks.
 Roman letters. *Obv.* only. Both obverse and reverse are from different dies to the previous coin.

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

9. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ G + R ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 POSVI DEV ꝛ A DIVTO E ꝛ MEV' + in forks.
 Roman letters and i.m. both sides.

10. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ G ꝛ R' ꝛ AGL + Z ꝛ RR
 POSVI DEV ꝛ A DIVTO E ꝛ MEV' Nothing in forks.
 Roman letters and i.m. on *Obv.* only.

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

11. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ D ꝛ G ꝛ R' ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z RR
 POSVI DEV' ꝛ A DIVTO C ꝛ MDV Nothing in forks.
 i.m. *Obv.* only.

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

12. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ G ꝛ R ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 CIVITAS ꝛ ANTOR Nothing in forks. W-A at sides of shield.
 Roman lettering and i.m. *Obv.* only.

13. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ G ꝛ R ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 ꝛ CIVITAS ꝛ ꝛ ANTOR Nothing in forks. W-A at sides of shield.
 Roman lettering and i.m. on *Obv.* only.

14. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ GRA ꝛ R ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 ꝛ CIVI TAS ꝛ ꝛ AN TOR + Nothing in forks. W-A at sides of shield.
 Roman lettering and i.m. *Obv.* only. Very unusual with GRA.

15. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ G ꝛ R ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 CIVI TOR ꝛ (sic) ANTOR + in forks. W-A at sides of shield.
 C like reversed D. i.m. *Obv.* only.

16. HENRIC ꝛ VIII ꝛ DI ꝛ G ꝛ R ꝛ AGL ꝛ Z ꝛ RR
 ꝛ CIVI TAS ꝛ ꝛ ANTOR ꝛ Nothing in forks. W-A at sides of shield.
 C like reversed D. i.m. *Obv.* only.

17. HENRIC VIII DI G R TGL Z R
 DIVI TAS ANTOR + in forks. No W-T at sides of shield.

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

18. HENRIC 8 D G TGL RR Z HIB REX
 POSVI DEV T DIVTOR E M + in forks of cross.

19. HENRIC 8 D G TGL RR Z HIB REX
 The details of the king's dress differ slightly.
 POSVI DEV T DIVTOR E M + in forks of cross.

20. HENRIC 8 D G TGL RR Z HIB REX
 POSVI DEV T DIVTOR E M + in forks of cross.

Testoons. London Mint. i.m. lis. Obv. and rev.

21. HENRIC VIII DI GRA TGL RR Z HIB REX
 POSVI DEVM T DIVTORIVM MVM
 Roman M's on Rev. Barnes Coll. Pl. I, fig. 5.

22. HENRIC VIII DI GRA TGL RR Z HIB REX
 POSVI DEVM T DIVTORIVM MVM
 Roman M's on Rev. Evans Coll. Pl. I, fig. 6.

23. HENRIC VIII DI GRA TGL RR Z HIB REX
 POSVI DEVM T DIVTORIVM MVM
 lis at end of legend as well as at beginning.
 Barnes Coll. Pl. I, fig. 7.

i.m. Obv. lis and O. i.m. Rev. uncertain.

24. HENRIC VIII . . . RR T Z HIB REX Small crown.
 POSVI DEVM T DIVTORIVM M-VM Large rose.
 Roman letters both sides.
 Webb Coll. Pl. I, fig. 8.

i.m. Obv. lis and O. Rev. lis and O.

25. HENRIC VIII DI GRA TGL RR Z HIB REX Large crown.
 POSVI D-VM T DIVTORIVM MVM Small rose.
 Roman letters reverse only. Pl. I, fig. 9.

i.m. annulet enclosing pellet.

26. O HENRIC 8 D G TGL RR Z HIB REX
 O POSVI DEVM T DIVTORIVM MVM Pl. I, fig. 10.

i.m. O Obv. and Rev.

27. HENRIC 8 D G TGL RR Z HIB REX +
 POSVI DEVM T DIVTORIVM MVM
 Webb Coll. Pl. I, fig. 11.

i.m. ☉ *Obv.* and *Rev.*

28. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ TGLꝰ RRꝰ Zꝰ HIBꝰ HIBꝰ (*sic*).
 POSVIꝰ DEVMꝰ TDIVTORIVMꝰ MEVMꝰ

○ on inner circle below M of MEVM. R. Carlyon-Britton Coll.

Pl. I, fig. 12.

i.m. ☉ *Obv.* and *Rev.*

29. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ TGLꝰ RRꝰ Zꝰ HIBꝰ REX
 POSVIꝰ DEVMꝰ TDIVTORIVMꝰ MEVM

○ on inner circle between E and V of MEVM. R. Carlyon-Britton Coll.

Pl. I, fig. 13.

i.m. *Obv. lis* and ☉ both sides.

30. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ TGLꝰ RRꝰ Zꝰ HIBꝰ REX
 POSVIꝰ DEVMꝰ TDIVTOREVMꝰ MEVM

Webb Coll. Pl. II, fig. 14.

i.m. ☉ both sides.

31. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ TGLꝰ RRꝰ HIBꝰ REX
 POSVIꝰ DEVMꝰ TDIVTORIVMꝰ MEVM

Hilton Price Coll. Pl. II, fig. 15.

i.m. ☉ both sides.

32. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ TGLꝰ RRꝰ Zꝰ HIBꝰ REX
 POSVIꝰ DEVMꝰ TDIVTORIVMꝰ MEVM

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

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

33. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ TGLꝰ RRAꝰ Zꝰ HIBꝰ REXꝰ

Rev. ❁ ❁ CIVITAS ❁ ❁ LONDON ❁ ❁ ❁

Pl. II, fig. 17.

i.m. S *Obv.* *Rev.* ☉

34. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ TGLꝰ RRꝰ Zꝰ HIBꝰ REXꝰ

Rev. ❁ ❁ CIVITAS ❁ LONDON ❁ ❁ ❁

R. Carlyon-Britton Coll. Pl. II, fig. 18.

i.m. S both sides.

35. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ AGLꝰ FRAꝰ HIBꝰ REXꝰ

Note the Roman letters including *As*.

Rev. ❁ ❁ CIVITAS ❁ ❁ LONDON ❁ ❁ ❁

Struck under Edward VI. Barnes Coll. Pl. II, fig. 19.

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

36. HENRICꝰ 8ꝰ Dꝰ Gꝰ TGLꝰ RRꝰ Zꝰ HIBꝰ REXꝰ
 :W: CIVITAS ❁ : BRISTOLIE

Ornamental lettering, peculiar *Hs*. Webb Coll.





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i.m. **W S** in monogram. Rev. only. **Pl. II, fig. 20.**

37. **hENRIC' 8 · D · G · ANGL' · RR' · Z · HIB · REX**
· W' · CIVITAS · : · BRISTOLIA

Ornamental lettering, different **A** in **RR'**. **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 **Ω** of **ΩEVΩ**. 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 ⊕ 8 ⊕ DEI ⊕ GRA' ⊕ AGL' ⊕ FRAN ⊕ Z ⊕ HIB ⊕ REX ⊕**
Rev. **⊕ IHS ⊕ AVTEM ⊕ TRANSIENS ⊕ PER MEDIVM ⊕ 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 · D · G · ANGL · FRA · Z · 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.