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BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 1945–6

PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

1909 W. J. ANDREW, F.S.A.
1920–1 FREDERICK A. WALTERS, F.S.A.
1922 J. SANFORD SALTUS—till 22 June
1922 GRANT R. FRANCIS—from 28 June
1923–5 GRANT R. FRANCIS
1928 LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, F.S.A.—from 22 February
1933–7 V. B. CROWTHER-BEYNON, M.B.E., M.A., F.S.A.
1938–45 H. W. TAFFS, M.B.E.
1946 CHRISTOPHER BLUNT, O.B.E. F.S.A.

THE JOHN SANFORD SALTUS GOLD MEDAL

This medal is awarded by ballot of all the members triennially “to
the Member of the Society whose paper or papers appearing in the
Society’s publications shall receive the highest number of votes from
the Members, as being in their opinion the best in the interest of
numismatic science”.

The Medal was founded by the late John Sanford Saltus, Officier
de la Légion d’Honneur, of New York, a Vice-President of the Society,
by the gift of £200 in the year 1910; and so that the triennial periods
should be computed from the inauguration of the Society, the Rules
provided that the Medal should be awarded in the years 1910 and
1911, and thenceforward triennially.

Medallists

1911 MISS HELEN FARQUHAR
1914 W. J. ANDREW, F.S.A.
1917 L. A. LAWRENCE, F.S.A.
1920 LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, F.S.A.
1923 H. ALEXANDER PARSONS
1926 GRANT R. FRANCIS, F.S.A.
1929 J. SHIRLEY-FOX, R.B.A.
1932 CHARLES WINTER
1935 RAYMOND CARLYON-BRITTON
1938 WILLIAM C. WELLS
1941 CUTHBERT A. WHITTON, B.A.
1944 Not awarded.
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OFFICERS AND COUNCIL, 1945

President: H. W. TAFFS, M.B.E.


Director: E. J. WINSTANLEY, L.D.S.

Treasurer: A. G. WRIGHTSON, B.A.

Librarian: E. J. WINSTANLEY, L.D.S.

Secretary: T. M. TURNER, B.A.

Assistant Secretary: C. A. WHITTON, B.A.


ORDINARY MEETING

24 JANUARY 1945

MR. E. J. WINSTANLEY, Director, in the Chair

The President being absent through illness and no Vice-President being able to attend, the Chair was taken by the Director. There were also present as guests of Mr. Albert Baldwin, Mr. D. Mangakis and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pritchard. The Secretary recorded the death of Mr. A. W. Oke of Hove, who had been a member of the Society since 1909. The following nominations were read and it was directed that their papers should be suspended:

Mr. D. Mangakis.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pritchard;
and for Junior membership:
Mr. P. J. Seaby.
Miss Patricia Seaby.

The Treasurer presented the Society's Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 October 1944. The Secretary read the Council's 40th Annual Report in which the Council welcomed the following new members:

Mr. Horace Hird.
Mr. Bert Clarke.
Sir John Hanham, Bt.
Mr. J. Wallace.
Mr. H. Pegg.
The Council regretted to record the deaths of
Capt. H. E. G. Paget.
Mr. A. P. Cross.

The Society has been notified that Capt. Paget has bequeathed to
them his numismatic library containing among other books a fine
series of priced sale catalogues. The Society has continued as in past
war years its policy of holding meetings in the usual way and, except
during the flying-bomb attacks, attendance has somewhat improved.
The Society is grateful to all who by papers or exhibitions have con-
tributed to the success of the meetings. Their gratitude is due especially
to the President, Mr. H. W. Taffs, for carrying out so faithfully his
exacting office during the past year. The Society welcomes Mr. Albert
Baldwin and Mr. Elmore Jones as new members of the Council.
Mr. C. A. Whitton has resumed the editorship of the Journal, and in
virtue of this duty will occupy the revived post of Assistant Secretary.
Part II of Volume XXIV was published during the year. The Council
is glad to record its thanks to Mr. A. E. Bagnall, Miss Farquhar, and
Dr. Carter for generous donations to the Society’s funds. The Council’s
report was carried unanimously.

As Mr. Turner found himself unable to continue in office as Secretary
the Director agreed to take over the post for the time being.

Exhibitions

The remainder of the session was devoted to an exhibition dealing
with the period 1661–1714.

MR. ALBERT BALDWIN exhibited a series of shillings of Charles II,
James II, and William III, including coins of 1669 and 1680, in
each case one of the only two known.

MR. J. CLIFFORD THOMPSON exhibited eleven silver coins of the period
and a guinea of James II of 1685 with Elephant and Castle.

MR. T. M. TURNER exhibited a number of crowns and half-crowns.

MR. BAGNALL, unable to make his usual journey from the North, sent
some rubbings of coins.

ORDINARY MEETING

28 FEBRUARY 1945

MR. H. H. KING, Vice-President, in the Chair

Among those present was Mr. H. T. Shrubbs of the Fitzwilliam
Museum, who came as the guest of the Director. In the absence of
the President, still too unwell to be present, the Chair was taken by
Mr. H. H. King. The Secretary recorded the death of Mr. H. J.
Dakers which was heard with regret by all present. Mr. T. W. Allis
of 6 Hill View Avenue, Newark, Notts., was nominated for member-
ship and his papers were suspended. The following were elected
members of the Society: Mr. D. Mangakis, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Prit-
chard, and Miss Patricia and Mr. P. J. Seaby (the last two as Junior
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Members). The Librarian announced that Mr. D. F. Allen had presented to the Library a copy of his work on *The Belgic Dynasties of Britain and their Coins*.

Exhibitions

MR. A. E. Bagnall exhibited a farthing of Edward I, five half-crowns and two shillings of Charles I, and a hammered shilling of Charles II.

MR. J. Clifford Thompson exhibited a late groat of Richard III with i.m. Sun-and-Rose on both sides.

MR. Albert Baldwin exhibited a half-angel of Edward IV with i.m. Cross and pellet.

MR. Winstanley exhibited coins and casts in illustration of his paper.

Paper

MR. E. J. Winstanley read a paper on "The Chronology of the Coins of Richard III". He was able to demonstrate by means of die-links and attention to letter-punches the rather remarkable fact that the Sun-and-Rose was used at two different periods of Richard's short reign. The paper was printed in volume xxiv of the *Journal*.

ORDINARY MEETING

28 March 1945

MR. H. H. King, Vice-President, in the Chair

Mr. T. W. Allis was elected a member of the Society.

Exhibitions

The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of the coins of the Four Georges.

MR. Taffs, unable to be present through illness, sent a large and representative selection of coins, which included an unpublished pattern sixpence of 1790 by Droz, with milled edge.

MR. Albert Baldwin exhibited a Dorrien and Magens shilling, 1798, and a George III pattern crown of 1817 of the "Three Graces" type.

MR. W. Hurley exhibited a George I shilling of 1723 (S.S.C.), with the error in the arms, and crowns and half-crowns of George II.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. Pritchard showed, among other coins, the following pieces:

George II: a two-guinea piece and a German medal struck on the occasion of the visit of George II on the opening of a coal-mine in Hanover, the shield on the reverse being similar to that on the two-guinea piece.

George III: a Northumberland shilling gilt; a Fullerton pattern sixpence of 1799, Wire money of 1792.

George IV: two Maundy threepences, one showing the small head of 1822.

MR. J. Wallace showed two different shillings of 1739; two shillings of 1745, one with LIMA and the other with this word removed by tooling; three different crowns of 1746.
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25 APRIL 1945
MR. H. H. KING, Vice-President, in the Chair

The Secretary recorded with regret the death of Mr. R. T. Barker of Welwyn.

Mr. Arthur Wilson, of 37 Hartington Road, Stockton-on-Tees, was nominated for membership and his papers were suspended.

Exhibitions

MR. ALBERT BALDWIN exhibited to illustrate Mr. Allen’s paper:
1. A half-broad of Cromwell in copper, 1658.
2. A pattern “Ninepence” of Dutch origin.
3. A “Dutch” crown in silver.

MR. A. E. BAGNALL exhibited silver coins of 1658 and an undated farthing; also three Commonwealth half-crowns and five crowns of Charles I.

MR. J. WALLACE exhibited a forgery of a Cromwell shilling of 1658.

Paper

MR. DEREK ALLEN read a paper entitled “The Coinage of Cromwell and its Imitations”. In the short discussion which followed Mr. Albert Baldwin pointed out that the fact that the half-crowns of 1656 but not those of 1658 were usually found in worn condition suggested that the former but not the latter had been issued for circulation. The paper was printed in volume xxiv of the Journal.

ORDINARY MEETING
16 MAY 1945
MR. H. H. KING, Vice-President, in the Chair

Mr. King announced the good news of Mr. Taffs’s improved health. Mr. Arthur Wilson was elected a member of the Society.

Exhibitions

MR. WRIGHTSON exhibited a pattern five-franc piece in nickel of Marshal Pétain, bearing on the obverse a portrait of the marshal facing left surrounded by the inscription PHILIPPE PETAIN MARECHAL DE FRANCE ET CHEF DE L’ETAT. On the reverse was the Fascist insignia of axes bound to the marshal’s baton with the inscription TRAVAIL FAMILLE PATRIE ESSAI 1941 5 FRANCS. Mr. Wrightson said he understood that 5,000 of these pieces had been struck at Lyons.

The remainder of the session was devoted to an exhibition of seventeenth-century tokens and a large number of pieces were displayed. Mr. Albert Baldwin gave a short introductory talk on the subject. The PRESIDENT sent a number of tokens, many of which were not recorded in Boyne.
MR. ALLIS exhibited a number of pieces representing the Eastern counties.

MR. HIRD exhibited ten rare Yorkshire tokens, and MR. BAGNALL sent an interesting series of Yorkshire, Somerset, Shropshire, and Gloucestershire.

MR. STREETER sent a selection of Chichester tokens.

The larger attendance and the number of exhibits showed the keen interest taken by members in these pieces.

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**20 JUNE 1945**

**MR. H. W. TAFFS, President, in the Chair**

**Exhibition**

MR. R. C. LOCKETT showed eight silver coins of Henry IV to illustrate Mr. Whitton’s paper.

**Paper**

A short paper on the coinage of Henry IV by MR. C. A. WHITTON was read by Mr. King; with the paper was included a communicated commentary by Lt.-Col. C. E. Blunt. The purport of the paper was to reopen the question of distinguishing the last coins of Henry IV from the first of Henry V. The difficulty of accepting Brooke’s view that only those groats are Henry IV’s which have either a trefoil in the legend (with annulet and pellet beside the crown) or Roman N in London is that the amount of bullion known to be struck during the period of Henry IV’s light coinage is greater than the extreme rarity of such groats suggests.

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**24 OCTOBER 1945**

**MR. H. W. TAFFS, President, in the Chair**

The following candidates were nominated for membership and their papers suspended:

- Mr. Colin Stewart Sinclair Lyon, 15 Ullet Road, Liverpool, 17.
- Mr. Eric Brown, 1 Newland Avenue, Harrogate, Yorks.
- Mr. Morris James Lee, 11 St. Helena Road, Colchester, Essex.
- Mr. Andrew James West, Springfield, Bookham, Surrey.
- Lt.-Col. N. A. Stebbing, Toll Cottage, Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey.
- Mr. R. S. S. Tidmarsh, 7 High Street, S. Norwood, London, S.E. 25 (for Junior membership).

The following were recommended as Officers and Council for 1946: President, Col. C. E. Blunt; Acting-President (in the event of Col. Blunt’s return from the Army being delayed), Mr. H. H. King; Vice-
Presidents, Mr. A. E. Bagnall, Dr. E. C. Carter, Mr. H. W. Taffs, Mr. H. H. King, Mr. Derek Allen, Dr. F. O. Arnold; Director, Mr. E. J. Winstanley; Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Wrightson; Secretary and Librarian, Mr. E. J. Winstanley; Editor and Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. A. Whitton; Council, Mr. L. Cabot Briggs, Mr. J. B. Caldecott, Dr. J. Davidson, Col. M. H. Grant, Mr. H. Platt Hall, Mr. L. A. Lawrence, Mr. R. C. Lockett, Miss Helen Farquhar, Mr. H. A. Parsons, Mr. A. C. Strand, Mr. Albert Baldwin, Mr. F. Elmore Jones, Mr. T. M. Turner, Mr. C. A. Whitton, and Sir John Hanham.

Exhibitions

By Mr. A. E. Bagnall:
1. George I pattern shilling, 1764.
2. Aureus of Claudius, with DE BRITANN and an equestrian statue in an arch on the reverse.
3. Tetradrachm of M. Antony and Cleopatra.
4. Memorial badges of Charles I.

Mr. T. M. Turner exhibited in illustration of his paper:
1. Third brass of Constantine of the Standard type.
2. Saxon sceat derived from it.
3. Deniers of Charlemagne, Louis the Pious, Charles the Bald, and Lothair.
4. Penny of the CUNETTI type of Cnut of Northumbria.
5. Two Hiberno-Danish pieces (by courtesy of Mr. Albert Baldwin).

Paper

Mr. T. M. Turner read a paper on "The Relations between British and Continental Currency during the Later Saxon Period", in which he showed the influence of Frankish deniers on our Saxon coinage and threw light on the economic links between the two countries in those days. The President, Dr. Carter, and Mr. Albert Baldwin spoke in the discussion that followed the paper.

Anniversary Meeting
30 November 1945
Mr. H. W. Taffs, President, in the Chair

Nomination for membership was recorded in the usual way for the Medway Towns Numismatic Society, Hon. Sec., Mr. William Woollett, 11 Windsor Avenue, Chatham, Kent.

The following were elected to membership of the Society: Lt.-Col. G. S. M. Burton, Mr. C. S. S. Lyon, Mr. H. Stone, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. M. J. Lee, Mr. A. J. West, Lt.-Col. N. A. Stebbing, and Mr. R. S. Tidmarsh (Junior Member).

A communication was read from Mr. J. Hunt Deacon, Founder and Hon. Sec. of the Numismatic Society of South Australia, incorporating various suggestions for the advancement of Numismatics in Britain and the Empire, and advocating the striking of a silver crown piece to commemorate victory in the World War.
By MR. T. M. TURNER: Sterlings of Gaucher de Chatillon and Jean d'Avesnes, and an electrotype of an imitation of a Scottish penny of Ferri IV in Colchester Museum. This appears to be unrecorded by Chautard.

By MR. J. CLIFFORD THOMPSON: silver and gold coins of the Netherlands struck between 1657 and 1939.

By MR. J. WALLACE, George II half-crown, 1745, of irregular shape and weight.


**Paper**

MR. H. ALEXANDER PARSONS read a paper on "The Wolsey Coins of Henry VIII". Mr. Parsons gave reasons for showing that the sequence of the London initial-marks for this period was different from that given in Brooke's *English Coins* and generally accepted. He believed the fleur-de-lis was used twice during this period. His arguments were supported at every step by data and references to the events of the times. The paper is published in this number of the *Journal*.

The Officers and Council for 1946 were elected, confirming the recommendations of the meeting of 24 October 1945. Col. Blunt, speaking at the end of the meeting, thanked the Society for electing him President and paid tribute to the valuable services rendered to the Society by Mr. Tafts during eight difficult years of office. Mr. Tafts suitably replied.

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**23 JANUARY 1946**

MR. C. E. BLUNT, President, in the Chair

The President offered the congratulations of the Society to Mr. Horace Hird on his election as President of the Yorkshire Numismatic Society.

The death was recorded of Capt. C. H. Dakers, officially presumed to have died on Active Service.

The following were nominated for membership:

- Mr. Clifford B. Smith, Greensted, Ashley Road, Farnborough, Hants.
- Mr. Frank Gordon Horne, Cross Park Farm, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, S. Devon.
- Mr. Thomas Thomas, 2 Arthur Street, Blaengwynfi, Port Talbot, S. Wales.
- Mr. Bertram Williams, 30 Beeleigh Road, Morden, Surrey.
- Mr. Joseph William Clark, 56/58 Beaconsfield Street, Blyth, Northumberland.
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Mr. Howard W. A. Linecar of Messrs Spink & Son, Ltd., 6 King Street, St. James’s, S.W. 1.
Mr. Wilfrid Slayter, 63 West Way, Edgware, Middlesex.
Mr. Leonard Stebbing Forrer, 7 Kensington Mall, London, W. 8 (subsequent address 175 Piccadilly, W. 1).
Mr. David Somerville, 72 Rotherwood Avenue, Glasgow, W. 3.
Mr. D. I. J. Fermeus, 13 Gloucester Road, Kensington, S.W. 7.
Mr. Peter Curtis Carter, 49 Drayton Gardens, West Drayton, Middlesex.
Mr. Anthony Priestman, Brougham, Penrith.
Mr. Christopher Colborne, Hemmars, Worlebury Park, Worlebury, Weston-super-Mare.
The Medway Towns Numismatic Society was elected to membership of the Society.
The Treasurer’s report and the Council’s report (with an addition paying tribute to the Secretary) were read and adopted.

Exhibitions

By Mr. Albert Baldwin:
1. A Pinecone-Mascle noble of Henry VI not listed by Mr. Whitton, without the Lis in one quarter of the reverse, and with a mascle after MEDIUM, an unrecorded position for this object.
2. A Unicorn of James V of Scotland countermarked with a heraldic cinquefoil on the reverse, in the centre of which is a pierced mullet. Burns had stated, said Mr. Baldwin, that these two marks do not occur together.

An Exhibition of Scottish, Irish, and Anglo-Gallic Coins

By the President:
1. Edward I, obole of Aquitaine of a type unrecorded by Hewlett: obv. + EDWARDVS • REX with ΤΙΟΗ in field with lion above, and a pellet below the lion; rev. + DUX • ΠΟΙΤΕΙΝΙΕ and a plain cross. This appears to correspond to the denier illustrated in Hewlett, Pl. II, 12.
2. Edward I, piedfort of a denier of Bordeaux, as Hewlett, Pl. II, 9.
4. Richard II, double hardi without mint initial.
5 and 6. Henry IV, two double hardis, one with the French title on both sides. The reading of the king’s name ERIUS is unrecorded on the double hardi, though a similar coin exists in the Museum at Bordeaux: obv. ERIUS • REX • ΤΙΟΗΛΙΕ • REX; annulet over crown; rev. ΡΙΑΝ / ΑΙΕ • Ω / ΡΟΣ • ΠΟ / ΡΙΑΝ; fleurs-de-lis and annulet in two quarters.
7. Charles de France (1468–74), hardi of Aquitaine noteworthy for the retention of the leopard on the reverse.
8. Arthur II, Duke of Brittany (1305-12), denier on which he styles himself Earl of Richmond, **COMES RICHMONVD**.

By MR. H. W. TAFFS: a large number of coins, tokens, and tickets of Ireland, including: George III, proofs of 1d., ½d., and ¼d. in gilt copper and bronze, all of 1805.

George IV, proofs of 1d. and ½d. of 1822.

James II, proof of Gun money shilling of 1690 in silver; pewter ½d. 1690; proof of ¼d. 1690, in silver.

Two varieties of proofs in silver of St. Patrick's ½d.

Proof in bronze of Wood's George I ¼d., 1722.


Tokens: bronze proof TALLAMORE 1802, one shilling and one penny; bronze proof, RATHMINES Association 3d., 1849; silver 3d., SAM. MACKIE 1736. A brass flan countermarked CORKE.

Three tickets Irish Zoological Society 1831, in silver, copper, and white metal.

An ivory ticket STAND HOUSE, no. 366, MAZE, PETER WILLIAM GOURAN Esqr for LIFE.

By MR. HORACE HIRD, electrotypes of:

1. A portrait ryal of Mary Queen of Scots.
2. A ducat of Francis and Mary.
3. A Bonnet piece of James VI.

By MR. HURLEY, the following proofs of Irish copper from the collection of the late Ernest Bramah (Smith):

James I, half-farthing.

George III, farthings on thin and normal flans, with plain edge, and a similar coin but no dot in REX; another of 1806 gilt; half-pennies, proof, gilt and copper; pennies, proofs, copper and copper gilt, the latter with plain edge.

By MR. E. J. WINSTANLEY: a number of Irish and Anglo-Gallic coins, all in rather better condition than usual.

**ORDINARY MEETING**

27 FEBRUARY 1946

MR. C. E. BLUNT, President, in the Chair

The following were nominated for membership:

Mr. Anthony Thompson, The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Mr. Gordon Vincent Doubleday, Shrub Hill Farm, Tiptree, Colchester, Essex.

Mr. A. E. Barnes, The Chalk Pits, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

Mr. Frederic James Jeffreys, 20 Warwick Crescent, Melksham, Wilts.

Mr. Tom Poole, Feltonfleet School, North Perrott, Somerset (for Junior membership).
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The following were elected Members of the Society: Mr. C. B. Smith, Mr. F. G. Horne, Mr. T. Thomas, Mr. B. Williams, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. Howard Linecar, Mr. W. Slayter, Mr. L. S. Forrer, Mr. D. Somerville, Mr. D. I. J. Fermeus, Mr. H. G. Chainey, Mr. A. Priestman, Mr. C. Colborne (Junior Member).

Exhibitions

By Messrs. A. H. Baldwin and Son: two half-groats of Edward IV with the name fraudulently altered to read RICCFRD.
1. A London coin of the first reign with a reverse from the same die, i.m. Crown, as a coin in the British Museum, showing a large fleur after POSVI. The obverse i.m. has been altered to a form of Boar's Head; if this was originally Crown the coin shows a new variety of Edward IV's half-groats of this period in having no marks by the bust.
2. A Canterbury coin of the second reign with i.m. Rose and â on the breast.

By Mr. C. A. Whitton: Two continental obols struck by John the Blind in imitation of Edwardian halfpence. Both read edwarSIS REX and are from the same obverse die; one reverse reads AIVITAS LONDON and the other MONEYA MAROES (Marche en Famenne).

By Mr. H. H. King:
1. Penny of William I, type 5, of Chichester, reading *BRVMMMNAN ON C.
2. Penny of William II, type 2, of Chichester, reading *EDPINE ON CICEST.

By Mr. A. E. Bagnall: a number of fine and rare coins, including:
1. Penny of Egactohrt with S'O within an inner beaded circle, reading LEOEORT REX on the obverse. The reverse has a cross within the inner beaded circle and reads TIDEMAN MONE.
2. Penny of Ceolwulf I, reverse HELEBERERT, ex Drabble Collection.
3. Penny of Edward the Martyr, with diademed bust to left and VVLFRED MO on the reverse. The arrangement of the pellets round this inscription was, said Mr. Bagnall, unpublished.

By Mr. H. A. Parsons: Coins to illustrate his paper.

Paper

Mr. H. A. Parsons read a paper on "The Viking Coinage of London from its Occupation by Halfden in A.D. 872 to its transfer from Guthrum-Aethelstan to Aelfred in A.D. 886". This coinage Mr. Parsons divided into four sections: (1) under Halfden, 872-5; (2) under Ceolwulf purely as a Danish vassal, 874-7; (3) under an unrecorded chief, 877-80; (4) under Guthrum, 880-6. A description was given of the known Halfden coins, including evidence to decide to which of two Halfdens they belonged. As for Ceolwulf
it was shown that his real status was that only of a modern “quisling” under the Danes. Internal evidence showed that his coins were struck in the Mercian capital of London. To the third period were attributed certain unallocated coins (which followed one of Halfden’s types) which appeared to have been struck at London by a Viking chief of the name of Reiner or Reineld. To the fourth period Mr. Parsons attributed the pennies of Guthrum-Aethelstan bearing Guthrum’s name, which could only, he thought, have been struck at London when the city was under Guthrum’s control. It is hoped to publish this paper in a future number of the Journal.

ORDINARY MEETING

27 MARCH 1946

MR. C. E. BLUNT, President, in the Chair

The following were nominated for membership:
Mrs. H. E. Seaby, 46 Baker Street, Potters Bar, Middlesex.
Mrs. W. B. Turner, 2 Brassey Street, Chester.
Mr. Charles Lovell, Tuffley Grange, Gloucester.
Mr. John K. Irons, 16 Garrick Road, Northampton (Junior membership).
Mr. Arthur F. Amann, 1a Mayfair Road, Stroud Green, N. 8.
Mr. Roy V. Farman, 171 Lower Keitelberg Road, Ivanhoe, N. 21, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
Mr. Laurence A. Brown, Senior House, Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton, Basingstoke, Hants (Junior membership).

The following were elected Members of the Society: Mr. Anthony Thompson, Mr. G. V. Doubleday, Mr. A. E. Barnes, and Mr. T. Poole (Junior Member).

Exhibitions

By MR. H. H. KING:
1. A penny of William II, type 2, of Pevensey, reading IELFHEH ON PENE.
2. A penny of Henry I, type 14, of Pevensey, reading HEN...

By MR. O. THEOBALD, two half-crowns of Charles I:
1. Tower mint of type I b, i.m. (Upright) Anchor. The coin differed from the two other known specimens: (a) R. Carlyon-Britton sale, lot 280, in showing the Anchor in reverse upright, not to the left; (b) B.M. ex Cumberland Clark in showing legend ending in MA not MAG.
2. Uncertain mint; i.m. Pierced mullet with pellet, weighing 154 grains. The coin resembled somewhat lot 158 in the Murdoch Collection, there attributed to Coventry, and Mr. Theobald thought it more likely to be “money of necessity” than a contemporary forgery.

By MR. H. A. PARSONS: A rare sceat inscribed with the name of Peada.
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By the President, casts of rare coins in illustration of his paper:
1. Sceat, radiate bust to right, behind TIC (?); reverse a cross with an annulet at the end of each arm, as on coins of Heaberht of Kent and Offa. The original is in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.
2. Æthelberht II of Kent, penny of Wolf and Twins type, hitherto unrecorded and making the third known specimen.
3. Ecgberht of Kent, penny, moneyer Babba.
4. A similar penny, moneyer UDD.
5. Eadwald of Kent, penny, moneyer Wihtred; unique.
The originals of Nos. 2–5 are in the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow.

Paper

The President read a paper on “The Earliest Coinage in Kent”. In recording this third specimen of the Wolf and Twins type he gave reasons for thinking that Canterbury might prove to have been one of the main sources of the sceat coinage. Discussing the coin bearing the name of Heaberht and the moneyer Eoba he cited Professor F. M. Stenton and Dr. (now Sir Maurice) Powicke as supporters in distinguishing this king from Eadberht Praen. Comparing the design of the coin with those of Ecgbehrt and Offa he would assign it tentatively to c. A.D. 775. He followed Brooke in assigning the coins of Eadwald to the Kentish series, but differed from him in regarding Eadwald as the predecessor rather than the successor of Eadberht Praen. He supported the view by comparison of the LVL type of Eadwald with those of Offa and Coenwulf by the same moneyer, and by a reference to a charter suggesting that Cuthred was the immediate successor of Eadberht Praen. In the discussion which followed Mr. Parsons drew attention to the inherent difficulty of the subject, to which he had clearly given much thought, largely owing to the scanty nature of the historical material available. He expressed the view that a review was needed of the position of the coins of Æthelberht and entertained some uncertainty about the identity of King Heaberht. Mr. Albert Baldwin also spoke.

ORDINARY MEETING

1 MAY 1946

Mr. C. E. Blunt, President, in the Chair

The Hon. R. W. H. Erskine, Ickworth, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, was nominated for Junior membership of the Society.

The Librarian reported the following gifts to the Library: A Catalogue of British Medals since 1760, by Col. M. H. Grant, from the author; A Hoard of Roman Folles from Diocletian’s Reform to Constantine Caesar, found at Fyfield, Berks., from the Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum.

The following were elected Members of the Society: Mrs. H. E. Seaby, Mr. W. B. Turner, Mr. C. Lovell, Mr. A. F. Amann, Mr. R. V.
Exhibitions

The President and Mr. H. A. Parsons exhibited coins of Edward IV in illustration of Mr. Whitton's paper. These coins will be included in due course in the published paper.

Paper

In the absence through illness of Mr. Whitton his paper on “The Coin-age of Edward IV” was read by the Secretary. The writer explained that the paper was a résumé of work originally planned and begun by the President and during the war completed on an extensive scale by himself and the President jointly. It was proposed to publish it in instalments in the Journal. They proposed to make certain departures from Brooke’s classification, departures which, they thought, would show the coinage, together with that of Henry VI’s restoration, as one continuous whole. Whereas Brooke classifies the coins in three differently enumerated series, with some eighteen classes in all, they would propose to redivide the pieces into twenty-two clearly marked classes, with the restoration coins of Henry VI coming, appositely enough, half-way through.

A number of unrecorded coins had been discovered and a virtually new classification had been established for the Bristol and York royal coins. A much more extensive survey had been made, moreover, of the difficult ecclesiastical mints of Durham and York. A new distribution would be made also of some of the gold coins. The reign was brought to a close, they would hold, by those coins, formerly attributed to Edward V, which show i.m. Sun and Rose dimidiated.

In the discussion which followed the President, Mr. Derek Allen, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Albert Baldwin all spoke.

ORDINARY MEETING

29 MAY 1946

MR. C. E. BLUNT, President, in the Chair

The Secretary reported the death on 1 May of Mr. T. M. Turner, late Secretary to the Society. By a unanimous vote it was decided to send the condolences of the Society to Mr. Turner’s family.

The following were nominated to membership of the Society:

Miss Irene Shrigley, M.A. Oxon., Librarian to the Institute of Bankers, 5 Suffolk Road, Barnes, London, S.W. 13.

The South African Numismatic Society. Secretary, Mr. J. E. Miles, 25 Church Street, Woodstock, Cape Province, S. Africa.

Mrs. Julia Askew, 48 Brackendale, Potters Bar, Middlesex.

The Hon. R. W. H. Erskine was elected a Junior Member of the Society.
The text of the proposed changes in the Society’s by-laws was read to the Society.

The President announced the formation of the Cambridge Numismatic Society with Mr. W. Tadgell as its first President.

Exhibitions

By the President: Three halfpennies in aluminium, of George III, two dated 1788 and the third 1790, this latter being composed of two reverses, one showing Britannia draped, and the other naked in a similar position. (In a subsequent communication to the Secretary Mr. Parsons quoted in B.N.J. vol. v, p. 356, a reference to aluminium patterns of Droz being restrikes made between 1862 and 1880 and also later.)

A George III halfpenny, 1771, countermarked with a K surmounted by a coronet.

By Mr. H. A. Parsons: Five profile groats of Henry VII of the “Tentative Issue”:
1. With tressure and i.m. Cross Crosslet.
2. i.m. Greyhound’s head.
3. Obv. i.m. Lis, rev. i.m. Greyhound’s head.
4. i.m. Lis, reading HENRIC DI GRI; this Mr. Parsons claimed as an unpublished variety corresponding with the similar shilling and half-groat already published.
5. No i.m.

By Mr. F. Elmore Jones: Three coins of the Malmesbury mint:
1. Penny of Eadgar, B.M.C. 3; obv. EADGAR REX ANGLORVM; rev. VVLFIE MONETA MEALD. Unique of this mint and reign.
2. Penny of Edward the Confessor, B.M.C. 1; obv. EDPER/DREX; rev. BRIMTPINE ON HEA (for MEA). Unpublished type for this mint.
3. Cut halfpenny of Edward the Confessor, B.M.C. 5; obv. . . . RD REX; rev. EAL (DPI ON MEALM. Unpublished type for this mint.

By the Secretary for Mr. W. G. Wallace:
1. Penny of Edward III of Bury St. Edmunds (Fox XV a), but with pellet stops.
2. Penny of Edward I of Durham (Fox X a), rev. ending . . . ERIEG.
3. Florin penny of Edward III of Durham, sede vacante 1345, showing an unusual initial cross.
4. Half-groat of Edward III, Series D, 1351–60, with no fleurs to the tressure, not in Lawrence.
5. Halfpenny of Edward III, treaty period, 1363–9, Lawrence Class II with a saltire instead of an annulet in the obverse legend.

By the Secretary on behalf of Mr. L. A. Lawrence: Two Long Cross pennies of approximately class III b, reverses reading CIVITAS LONDON, one obverse reading REX III. These coins were given
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to Mr. Lawrence by the late Mr. L. E. Bruun and came from a Danish find.

By SIR JOHN HANHAM: a thrymsa and a George III halfpenny of a date not recorded by Montagu but perhaps a forgery.

By MR. W. SLAYTER: an Anglo-Gallic demi-gros tournois of Edward III.

Papers

The Secretary read a short paper by MR. W. G. WALLACE on aspects of the quality of rarity in coins. He suggested that hoarding of a new denomination or a new type might be a factor in creating rarity. This might account for the great rarity of some pieces to-day, the few specimens of which showed considerable variation in detail, the issue not having been really so small as its present rarity would suggest. He instanced as examples the gold penny of Henry III and the shilling of Henry VII.

The SECRETARY also read a paper of his own on a "Sovereign Groat" of Henry VII. A resumé of this paper is published in the present number of the Journal.

ORDINARY MEETING

3 JULY 1946

MR. C. E. BLUNT, President, in the Chair

The following were nominated for membership:


Mr. C. L. Mason, 1 Washington House, Basil St., S.W. 3.

The deaths were recorded of Sir Charles Oman on 23 June, an honorary member of the Society since 1943, and of Mr. J. O. Manton on 4 June at the age of 95, a Foundation Member.

The following were elected to membership of the Society: Miss Irene Shrigley, Mrs. Julia Askew, and the South African Numismatic Society.

The Librarian reported that Miss Farquhar had offered to present some books to the Society, which were gratefully accepted. An advance copy of Part III of vol. xxiv of the Journal was laid on the table for inspection.

Exhibitions

By the PRESIDENT: A Saxon thrymsa of a type found in the Crondall hoard (cf. Grantley Sale, lots 514 A to 520). The only other specimens appeared to be one in the Ashmolean Museum (Sir A. Evans bequest), found at Dover, and one in the British Museum, found in Wiltshire. The provenance of the present piece which was from the Grantley Sale was unknown.
By DR. E. C. CARTER, several coins, including:

1. A Commonwealth half-unite and crown of 1655, a date hitherto unknown on gold coins.\(^1\) (It is worth recording that Messrs. Baldwin have recently seen a Commonwealth unite of this date.)

2. Two groats of Edward IV; one was of the unusual weight of 61 grains with the even more unusual combination of initial heads, obv. Crown, rev. Cinquefoil. Both dies are unexceptionable, but the resultant piece in the opinion of the President and Mr. Derek Allen is false. The other coin was i.m. Sun and shows a rose fraudulently inserted on the king's left shoulder.

3. Forgeries of crowns of Charles II dated 1667 and 1678, a false Commonwealth shilling of 1660 with m.m. Anchor.

By MR. H. A. SEABY: An Anglo-Saxon gold piece which was probably a fabrication.

By MR. A. E. BAGNALL, several coins including:

1. Channel Island tin money and a gold stater of Cunobelinus.
2. A silver sceat showing the figure of a raven.
3. Two pennies of Offa and a penny of Cynethryth ex Montagu 226, found at Hitchin in the eighteenth century.

The two pence of Offa read  
\[ \text{Bust to right } - \text{EBBA} \]

and EDEEL MO (Hild. 520)  \*OFF* A

\[ \text{REX} \]

**Paper**

DR. C. H. V. SUTHERLAND of the Ashmolean Museum read an important paper on "Anglo-Saxon Gold Coinage in the light of the Crondall Hoard". After briefly describing the circumstances of the find Dr. Sutherland proceeded to a detailed consideration of its contents,

\(^1\) These two coins are illustrated below.
which he divided into three main categories: the purely Merovingian pieces, the "Anglo-Frankish" pieces, and those to which a Saxon origin might with reasonable certainty be assigned. The coins of definitely Merovingian origin emanated from a number of mints including Chalon, Marsal, Rodez, Metz, Meuvy, Amiens, and Paris, the last important in dating the hoard as it is from the hand of a moneyer historically identifiable, namely Eligius, the goldsmith advanced by Dagobert I and Clovis II and subsequently canonized as St. Eloi. The commercial relations between England and the north of France and the Low Countries to which the presence of these pieces points are confirmed by the presence of seven trientes of Wicco-in-Pontio, the later Quintovic and an important channel port. The presence, in addition, of a die-linked series looking directly to prototypes of Limoges, eight in all out of a hoard totalling 100, led the reader to conclude that their origin in England might be regarded as reasonably assured and the same applied to certain imitations of coins of Licinius, of which there were seven die-linked specimens. Particular importance attached to the remarkable tremissis with the name Abbo, borne also by a moneyer who worked at Limoges c. A.D. 600. The reader discussed the significance of the reverse type and mentioned the possibility that Merovingian moneyers may have been brought to this country.

Turning to the pieces of undoubted Anglo-Saxon origin, Dr. Sutherland showed by reference to a map of "find-spots" that they were likely to have emanated from south-east England. He described the various types and suggested the possibility that those with the so-called tonsured head, facing, and with reverse legend LONDONIV may have been struck by the Bishop of London, in which case they could be dated c. A.D. 604-16. The trident portrait type which figured largely in the hoard, quite certainly originated from the unique coin reading WITMEN MONITA which was also in the late Lord Grantley's collection and is now in the British Museum, for the obverse die of this coin was recut for the opening issues of the derivative series. With the possible exception of the coins attributed to the Bishop of London, the Anglo-Saxon coins so far described must be regarded as moneyers' issues. One coin, however, appeared to have a definitely regal origin. The piece which Dr. Sutherland read AVDVA¥LD REGES was from the same obverse die as another Grantley coin now in Mr. Lockett's collection, with a reverse reading AMBALLOWENVS and was tentatively attributed by the reader to Eadbald, king of Kent, 616-40. In conclusion Dr. Sutherland gave a date of about A.D. 670 for the deposit of the hoard and stressed its importance in the study of the coinage of the period, as apart from it and the Sutton Hoo hoard, which consists wholly of Merovingian pieces, other located finds were confined to isolated specimens. Dr. Sutherland's study of this series will be published in due course by the Ashmolean Museum.
In the discussion which followed Mr. Mattingly said he was inclined to think Dr. Sutherland's dates too early. Mr. Derek Allen spoke of the paper as the most important on the subject for many years in that it illuminates a notoriously dark period. The paper when published will cover other hoards and coins also.

ORDINARY MEETING
23 OCTOBER 1946
MR. C. E. BLUNT, President, in the Chair

The following were nominated for membership of the Society:
Mr. Owen Frederic Parsons, 74 Longlevens Lane, Gloucester.
Mr. Gordon Stanley Hopkins, 45 Crosby Road, Westcliff-on-Sea (for Junior membership).
Mr. Kenneth Allen Jacob, Lynstone, 32 Gilbert Road, Cambridge.
Mr. S. A. H. Whetmore and Mr. C. L. Mason were elected Members of the Society.

Exhibitions

By Dr. E. C. Carter, coins of the York mint including:
1. A half-ryal of Edward IV, i.m. Crown and a Lis in the waves (this coin is attributed by the President and Mr. Whitton to London.)
2. A Wolsey groat of Henry VIII with i.m. Acorn.
3. A half-crown of Charles I with a small R in EBOR and an oval shield on reverse.

By Mr. H. A. Seaby, a remarkable series of 10 groats of Edward I, all different, of which seven are varieties of the seven illustrated by Messrs. Fox in the Journal. Thus there were at least 14 sets of dies:
1. Fox 1, var.; different dies—different X on reverse.
2. Fox 3, from this coin.
3. Fox 5, var. with circles in trefoils.
4. Fox 5, var., another similar coin.
5. New to Fox, an entirely new type of crown but somewhat resembling that on Fox 6.
6. Fox 6, from this coin.
7. Fox 6, var. different rev. die.
8. Fox 6, var. another pair of dies.
9. Fox 7, var. different rev. die.
10. Fox 7, var. another pair of dies.

Halfpenny of Eadred; EADRED REX square floral ornament comprising a cross with oval ends, with two petals in each angle; rev. MAN/+++GOD MO/... Mr. Seaby believes that only one other halfpenny of this reign is known and has the normal cross-pattée obverse as the common pennies. This obverse type is new.
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to any reign. The moneyer is new to this reign but struck coins at Southampton and Winchester during Edwig's reign.

New pennies of Edward I and III:

1. Penny of Edward I reading \textit{HYBO} and \textit{CIVITAS LONDON}, possibly a forgery.
2. A Robert de Hadeleie penny of Bury, of Class 3\textit{g}, with perhaps a small \textit{S} on the breast.
3. A penny of Durham of Edward I, of 3\textit{g}, reading \textit{EME DVR}.

\textbf{Paper}

The \textit{SECRETARY} read a paper of his own on the early issues of the first coinage of Henry VII illustrated by lantern slides. He was able to show very convincingly that the order of the earliest initial-marks of the first coinage of Henry VII was in effect Sun and Rose, Lis-Rose dimidiated, Lis over Sun and Rose, Lis over Half-rose, Rose.

Mr. Parsons, Mr. Seaby, Mr. Albert Baldwin, and the President took part in the discussion afterwards.

\textbf{ANNIVERSARY MEETING}

29 NOVEMBER 1946

C. E. BLUNT, ESQ., President, in the Chair

Mr. Charles Wilson Peck, 31 Vineyard Hill Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W. 19, was nominated for membership of the Society.

The following were elected Members of the Society: Mr. E. S. G. Robinson, Mr. O. F. Parsons, Mr. K. A. Jacob, and (as a Junior Member) Mr. G. S. Hopkins.

The Librarian reported the gift to the library by Mr. R. T. Christopher of two volumes: (1) \textit{The Coin Collector's Companion}, 1795; (2) \textit{Tables of Grecian, Roman, and Jewish Measures, Weights, and Coins, reduced to the English Standard}, n.d.

The following were elected to serve as Officers and Members of the Council for the year 1946–7:

\textbf{Officers and Council for 1946–7}

President: C. E. Blunt, O.B.E., F.S.A.


Director: D. F. Allen, B.A.

Treasurer: F. Elmore Jones.

Librarian: Vacant.

Secretary: E. J. Winstanley, L.D.S.

The following changes in the Society’s By-laws (see vol. xi, pp. 355–72) were agreed to unanimously:

1. In paragraph 2 of Chapter 7 the words “not more than” to be inserted before “six Vice-Presidents” and the word “fifteen” before “members of the Council” to be replaced by “the”.

2. In paragraph 5 of Chapter 2 the words “three nor more than” to be inserted between “not fewer than” and “six members”.

The President delivered his address which is printed elsewhere in this number.

Exhibitions

MR. ALBERT BALDWIN in conjunction with the SECRETARY (on behalf of MR. LAWRENCE) showed:

5. A Calais half-noble of Richard II with the “et” sign of Edward III’s Post-Treaty nobles. This coin, belonging to Mr. L. A. Lawrence, was exhibited by Mr. Whitton in 1942 as reading RIC over GDW, but Mr. Baldwin said he could not agree with this reading of the overstrike or of the “et” sign.

MR. PARSONS showed an angel of Edward V, i.m. obv. Boar’s Head, rev. Sun-and-Rose, the third known and finest specimen.

The PRESIDENT showed the following coins of Henry VII:

1. An open crown penny of London with no i.m. and crosses by bust, from the Shirley-Fox collection and the Walters Sale (1913) —one of the five London pennies known of this issue.
2. An open crown London halfpenny with no i.m., unique in having trefoils by the bust.
3. A London halfpenny with i.m. rose (?) and crosses by bust.
4. Another halfpenny with a very clear i.m. lis and rose dimidiated.

DR. BURSTALL showed a Shrewsbury Is., a Weymouth 2s. 6d., and an Exeter Is. of Charles I; a half-angel of Elizabeth with i.m. ermine, and a 1664 half-crown of Charles II.

MR. ELMORE JONES showed:

1. A penny of Edward the Confessor, a mule, B.M.C. 9/10 = 11, reading + PULFPI ON BEDEFOR.
2. A penny of William II of type B.M.C. 2, reading + PULFPRIE ON SUB (Sudbury).
A penny of Henry I of type B.M.C. 14 (variety without inner circle), reading + • • • ODESANE EDMUN.
4. A penny of Edward II, Fox, type XVd—the very rare mule with a Durham (Bishop Beaumont) obverse and a London reverse.
MR. BRETTELL showed:

1. A penny of Edward the Martyr of the mint of Totnes.
2. A penny of Edward the Confessor of the mint of Barnstaple.
3. A penny of William II of the mint of Totnes.
4. A penny of Henry I of the mint of Barnstaple.

The SECRETARY showed, all from the L. A. LAWRENCE Collection, three pattern half-crowns of the Commonwealth of 1651 by Blondeau, two of which had inscribed edges and a pattern sixpence by Blondeau of the same date with grained edge.
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EXPENDITURE AND INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1945

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 1945**

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We beg to report to the Members that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. No credit has been taken for Subscriptions in arrear. We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Society and are of opinion that subject to the above remark the same is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Society.

**GILBERTS, HALLETT, & EGLINGTON, Chartered Accountants,**


21 December 1945.