Through the courtesy of Dr. O'Sullivan and Dr. McCoy I am enabled to publish the following account of a hoard of seventy-two Anglo-Saxon pennies found on 29 January 1929, at Smarmore, Ardee, Co. Louth, Eire, and now deposited by the Royal Irish Academy in the National Museum of Antiquities in Dublin. Its finding was briefly mentioned by Mr. Wells in this *Journal*, vol. xix, p. 77, and the hoard was also known to Brooke who left among his papers a rough list of the coins from which, no doubt, he intended to work up a paper.

The coins were discovered eighteen inches below the surface lying loose under a large stone.

The following is a summary of the contents of the hoard:

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<th>King</th>
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<td>Edward the Elder, <em>B.M.C.</em> type II</td>
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<td>Athelstan</td>
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There were no Arabic coins in the hoard.

The hoard lacks three major types of Edgar, *B.M.C.* II, V, and VI. Type VI is clearly the latest in his reign and the Chester hoard (1950) suggests that II is also a fairly late type. There is no reason to believe that Type V, the crowned bust type, was not issued spasmodically throughout Edgar's reign, as was the case with earlier kings. It is probably significant that here, as in some other hoards, no coins showing the king’s bust were found. This would seem to indicate that in certain areas the bust-type found less ready acceptance than the common type with the small cross on the obverse. The deposit date would appear to be c. 965.
Of Edmund the moneyer Odelar (no. 9, Pl. VI) is new and Burnferth (no. 6) was not recorded before the recent Iona hoard. Gundferth (no. 15) is unrecorded for Edred, but I also have one on which the reading is unblundered. Of Edwig the moneyer Unbein (no. 23, Pl. VI) is new and Frothgar (no. 20) was unrecorded before the Chester (1950) hoard.

The Edgar series, the major part of the hoard, provides several interesting coins. There is a mule between types III and IV (no. 67, Pl. VI), i.e. with a small cross on the obverse and a rosette on the reverse. This is a rare but recorded coin. One was in the Iona find (299), another in the Ryan sale (791), and a third is in the Castello at Milan. All are by the same moneyer. Type I, it will be remembered, is subdivided in B.M.C. according to the types of ornament and their arrangement on the reverse. No. 52 in the hoard (Pl. VI) provides a slight variant not hitherto noted. The nearest is Id (no. 50) but in the new variety trefoils of pellets take the place of rosettes at top and bottom. The moneyer is Hunred who is found for the first time on a true coin of type I in this hoard (no. 44).

Edgar’s type III is a difficult one to classify and requires a study on its own. Many of the coins have one or two letters of what appears to be a mint name, but their identification can only be made with any measure of certainty after comparison has been made with other coins by the same moneyers where the mint name is spelt more fully. No. 57 (Pl. VI) for instance can with reasonable confidence be attributed to Tamworth in view of the coin of type IV illustrated in the Carlton-Britton catalogue reading +EOPERMVND IN TOMP (lot 462). Similarly, the attribution of no. 53 (Pl. VI) to Canterbury is supported by a coin of type VI by the same moneyer where the mint name reads E/ENT (Mann sale (1917) 163, ill.). Mangod (on no. 54, Pl. VI) is a new name for the reign but a Mangod struck at Exeter for Æthelred II. Borhtnoth (no. 55, Pl. VI) Brooke records as a Huntingdon moneyer for this reign and in doing so was probably relying on this coin of which there is a cast in the British Museum. This coin is to be compared with lot 1103 in Lord Grantley’s sale (now in the British Museum) which, although by a different moneyer (Æthelsige), has the same feature of this curious mint name appearing on both sides of the coin. Similarly Brooke quotes a coin of Richtmund reading as no. 56 (and probably the same coin) (Pl. VI) which he attributes to Maldon. I have not found this name elsewhere and the attribution must remain for the time being at best doubtful.

The other coins of type III call for no comment. Werstan (no. 69) appears, however, to be unrecorded for type IV.

Nos. 70 and 71 appear to be Danish imitations. The latter with its meaningless obverse legend may be a copy of an earlier coin, e.g. one of Edmund in whose reign this moneyer is found.

The last coin in the hoard, no. 72 (Pl. VI), only a fragment, is of the Northumbrian King Eric, a rare coin, comparable to B.M.C. 1112.
LIST OF COINS

Those illustrated on Plate VI are marked with an asterisk after the number.

**Edward the Elder, 899–925.**

*B.M.C.* II = Brooke 13. *Obv.* Small cross; *rev.* Name in two lines, crosses between.

No mint.

1. +EADVVEARD REX  
   &\[\text{Abba}\]\|++|MON|\].:  
   Abba 25

2. +EADVVEARD REX  
   &\[\text{Landac}\]\|++|VEMo|\].:  
   Landac 23\frac{1}{2}

**Athelstan, 925–39.**

*B.M.C.* I = Brooke 1. *Obv.* Small cross; *rev.* Name in two lines, crosses between.

No mint.

4. +ÆBÆSTLD REX  
   &\[\text{Mathilberht?}\]\|+++|HADIL|\].:  
   Mathilberht? 22


Winchester.

5. +ÆDELSTAN REX TO BRIT  
   +EADSTAN MO VVIN LIVIT

**Edmund, 939–46.**

*B.M.C.* I = Brooke 1. *Obv.* Small cross; *rev.* Name in two lines, crosses between.

No mint.

6. +EADMVND REX  
   &\[\text{Burnferth}\]\|++|ERD]\].:  
   Burnferth 24\frac{1}{2}

7. +EADMVND RE  
   &\[\text{Frad}\]\|+++|DMoN]\].:  
   Frard 22\frac{3}{4}

8. +EADMVND REX  
   &\[\text{Maeldomen}\]\|++|OMNE]\].:  
   Maeldomen 22\frac{1}{2}

9. +EADMVNDRE  
   &\[\text{Odel}\]\|+++|ER]\].:  
   Odel 23\frac{1}{2}

10. EADMVNDRE  
    &\[\text{Theodulf}\]\|+++|VLF]\].:  
    Theodulf 23

11. EADMVNDRE  
    &\[\text{Wulfstan}\]\|+++|STAN]\].:  
    Wulfstan 23

**Edred, 946–55.**

*B.M.C.* I = Brooke 1. *Obv.* Small cross; *rev.* Name in two lines. Crosses, &c., between.

No mint.

12. +EADRED RE  
    &\[\text{Gislemer}\]\|+++|IIRH]\].:  
    Gislemer? 21\frac{1}{2}

13. +EADRED REX  
    &\[\text{Engelbred}\]\|+++|REDHO]\].:  
    Engelbred 21\frac{1}{2}

14. +EADRED REX  
    &\[\text{Eoro(th)}\]\|+++|MONE]\].:  
    Eoro(th) 21\frac{1}{2}

15. +EADRED RE+O  
    &\[\text{Gundferth}\]\|+++|ER]\].:  
    Gundferth 18

16. +EADRED RX+  
    &\[\text{Hunred}\]\|+++|EDMO]\].:  
    Hunred 20\frac{1}{4}

17. +EADRED REX  
    &\[\text{Wilaf}\]\|+++|FH]\].:  
    Wilaf 21\frac{1}{2}

18. +EADRED REX  
    &\[\text{Wine}\]\|+++|MON]\].:  
    Wine 23

**Edwig, 955–9.**

*B.M.C.* I = Brooke 1. *Obv.* Small cross; *rev.* Name in two lines, crosses between.

No mint.

20. +EADVVIE RE\|++  
    &\[\text{Frothgar}\]\|+++|CAR]\].:  
    Frothgar 20

1 Cf. Chester (1950) hoard, no. 21.

2 The lettering is disjointed and is probably intended to be GI JLEMER.
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Weight

21. +EADPIG REXS | EREIC|+++|EIMO|
Huriger 22\frac{3}{4}

22. +EADVVI RE | EI-VE|+++|MO
Ive 22

23. *+EADV.VICREX• | VNB|+++|NMO|
Unbein 22\frac{3}{4}

24. +EADPIG REX (M in field) | PVLFCA|+++|RESMOT|
Wulfgar 21


25. +EADVVVIG RE— | B|BE-DA|VINE|
Baldwine 20\frac{1}{4}
(chipped)

North/Southampton.

26. +EADVVICRE+ | HZE|+HA+N+|BALDM|
Husebald\textsuperscript{1} 18\frac{1}{2}

No mint.

27. —- VVICERE | DVR—|O+—|O|
Thurmod? 11\frac{1}{2}

28. —- VVIC RE | V—|ON+—|ZIC|
Wilsig? 11
(fragment)

EDGAR, 959–75.


29. +E-ADG-AR RE+O | ADELA|+++|VERHO|
Adelaver 19

30. +EADG-AR RE+ | E-ADG-AR RE+ |

31. +EADG-AR RE+ | VBIA|+++|VICMO|
Albutic 18\frac{1}{2}

32. +EADG-AR RE+ | LBV|+++|HO|

No mint.

33. +EADG-AR RE+ | AZFED|+++|NOHM|
Asfe(r)th 17

34. +EADG-AR RE+ | CP|+++|WN|
Copman 17\frac{3}{4}

35. +EADGAR-REX0 | DVR|+++|NDHO|
Durand 20

36. +EADGAR REX | DVR|+++|NDMO|

37. +EADGAR REX | EAV|+++|LFMO|
Eanulf 19

38. +EADGAR REX | FAS|+++|ENNO|
Farthen 20

39. +EADGAR REX | HARC+++|ERMO|
Harcer 26\frac{1}{2}

40. +EADGAR REX | H|ERIC|+++|ERMO|
Heriger 19\frac{1}{4}

41. +EADGAR REX | E-ADG-AR RE+ |

42. +EADGAR REX | NER|+++|ERM|

43. +EADGAR REX | E-ER|+++|ERMO|

44. +EADGAR REX | HVRN|+++|EDMO|
Hunred 23\frac{3}{4}

45. +EADGAR REX | VEM|+++|ONET|
Ive 20

46. +EADGAR REX | WAN|+++|AIMOV|
Manai 22

47. +EADGAR REX | WOR|+++|IRN|
Morgna 18\frac{1}{2}

48. +EADGAR REX | VNB|+++|EIN|
Unbein 17\frac{3}{4}

49. +EADGAR REX | VNE|+++|ONNI|

50. +EADGARE | ELF|0+0|ZIE|
Aelfsige 17\frac{1}{2}

\textsuperscript{1} For a discussion on this coin see Brit. Num. Journ., vol. xix, p. 77.
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B.M.C. Ig—Brooke 1. Obv. Rosette in centre, rev. as B.M.C. I but ornaments rosettes in centre, crosses above and below.

51. +EADGAR RE
    +|OSLA|:::|EMO|+  
    Oslac 21½

B.M.C. I, new variety—Brooke 1. As B.M.C. I but reverse ornaments annulet, cross, annulet in centre, trefoils above and below.

52.* +EADGAR REX S
    .|.HVNR|O+O|EMO|  
    Hunred 20½


53. +EADGARRE+TPI
    +FINE NOHETA EN  
    Wine 19½

Exeter?

54.* +EADGAR-REXANGL-0V+
    +MANOMD+EX-  
    Mangod 22
    (chipped)

Huntingdon? Hampton?

55.* +EADGAR RE+ NTADVN+
    +BORTHNO0MO+NVTN+  

Mi.

56.* +EADGAR REX ANGL0RV1
    +RICHFMVND MONETA MI  
    (chipped)

Tamworth?

57.* +EADGAR REXOBL
    +EOFERMVND INT  
    Eofermund 19½

Crescent and crescent of pellets protruding from inner circle.

No mint.

58. +EADGAR-REX- A
    +DVRANDES MoT  
    Durand 20½

59. +EADGARRE-X-ANG
    +DVRANDTESNOMA  
    T protruding from inner circle.

60. +EADGAR REX T0
    +FASTOLFESMO=  
    Fastolf 19½

61. +EADGAR-REX-T
    +FASTOLFESMOT  
    24½

62. +EADGAR A REX T0
    +FASTOLFESMON  
    20½

63. +EADGAR-REX T0
    +FASTOLFEMOS=  
    22½

64. +EADGARIREX
    +FASTOLFIMO 17  
    19½

65. +EADGAR-EX
    -FASTOLF0N  
    15
    (fragment)

66. +EADGAR REX-
    +HEROLFESMOI  
    Herolf 19


67.* +EADGAR REX T0DI
    +FREOHERIC0M0N  
    Freotheric 23½


68. +EADGAR REX
    +SIFER-DMONE-  
    Siferth 22½

69. +EADGAR REX TOD
    +VVERSTAN  
    Werstan 19½

Temp. Edgar. Danish imitations?


70. +N·EIX IYIOE+  
    +NILIDVI·F·EL  
    ? 12½
    (fragment)
Type of B.M.C. I—Brooke 1. Obv. Small cross; rev. Name in two lines, crosses between trefoil above and below.

71. Meaningless legend \[\text{\ldots} | EADII | +++ | VND | \ldots\] Eadmund 21\frac{3}{4}

NORTHUMBRIA: ERIC, 948 and 952–4.

B.M.C. II—Brooke 2. Obv. Sword between name in two lines; rev. Small cross and four pellets.

72.* ER.1-|RE+ \quad +--ELGARMI Ingelgar 13\frac{1}{8}

(fragment)