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THE JOHN SANFORD SALTUS MEDAL

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At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, January 23rd, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, The Rev. Donald J. McNeill, Mr. Trevor J. Moodley, Miss Heather Salter, Mr. W. G. West, and Mr. David Emlyn Williams were elected to Ordinary Membership. The Rev. Donald J. McNeill and Miss Heather Salter were formally admitted to Ordinary Membership. A joint paper entitled ‘A parcel of Norman coins in Moscow, and remarks on other hoards of the time of Stephen’ was read by Mr. Blunt and Mr. Elmore Jones.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, February 27th, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, Mr. Richard Falkiner, Mr. Colm Gallagher, Mr. J. E. Roberts and Mr. H. G. Starley were elected to Ordinary Membership. Miss Archibald read a paper on the Fishpool hoard of 14th and 15th century gold coins.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, March 26th, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, Mr. John William James Atkinson, Mr. Kenneth George Bryant, Mr. Arnold Elton, Mr. Colin Edward Pitchfork, and the Library, University College, Cathays Park, Cardiff were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Bryant was formally admitted to Ordinary Membership. The main business of the meeting was devoted to an exhibition of coins, tokens, and medals of the 17th century.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, April 23rd, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, Mr. Richard Sharratt Lyons and the Library, University of Chicago, U.S.A. were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Stephen Fenton and Mr. Simon Devas Poland were elected to Junior Membership. Mr. Richard Falkiner was formally admitted to Ordinary Membership and Mr. Stephen Fenton to Junior Membership. Mr. Stewart read a paper entitled ‘A Review of Scottish coinage to 1357’.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, May 28th, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, the President announced the death of Mr. C. Wilson Peck, a Vice-President and a former President of the Society. After speaking of Mr. Peck’s outstanding services to numismatic science, the President asked Members to rise as a tribute to him. John Anthony Atkinson, R. B. Glover, Peter Lane, David Anthony Lewis, Barrie Rose and Lester D. Snell were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Glover was formally admitted
to Ordinary Membership. Major D. V. Deane, C.I.E., C.B.E. read a paper on modern coinage systems.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday June 25th, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, Pearson Graham, W. A. Jones and J. Symmonds were elected to Ordinary Membership. H. P. Clarke and Philip Michael Wickison were elected to Junior Membership. Two papers on mediaeval die-output were read, one by Dr. Mate was read by Miss Archibald, the other by Mr. Brand.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, September 24th, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, Simon Bendall, Peter Brian Earthy and the Library, University of Maryland, Baltimore, U.S.A., were elected to Ordinary Membership. Albert Henry Edward Baldwin was elected to Junior Membership. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Graham were formally admitted to Ordinary Membership. Mr. M. Dolley read a paper on the base Anglo-Irish coinages of Henry VIII.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, October 22nd, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, John Pearson Andrew, Valerie Eaton-Mooney, John Charles Freeman, Arnold Henderson, Ian Roderick Macleod, Stephen George Mitchell, Michael L. Pescetta, Paul Rynearsen and the Library, Stanford University, California, U.S.A. were elected to Ordinary Membership. Richard Worsley Edmondson and Anthony Christopher Eimer were elected to Junior Membership. Dr. D. M. Metcalf read a paper entitled ‘Early Mediaeval Treasures in the Ashmolean Museum’.

At the Anniversary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, November 26th, Mr. Lyon, President in the chair, John C. Rudge and Brian Taylor were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Stephen Fisher was elected to Junior Membership. Mr. Henderson was formally admitted to Ordinary Membership. The ballot was held for the Officers and Council for 1969, for the Sanford Saltus Medal and for the proposal of the Council that a posthumous award of this medal should be made to the late Mr. Peck. The award of the Sanford Saltus Medal for 1968 was made to Mr. Edgar Winstanley and the posthumous award of the Medal was made to the late Mr. Peck.

The following Officers and Council were elected for 1969:—

President: C. S. S. Lyon, M.A., F.I.A.
Secretary: W. Slayter.
Treasurer: Clifford H. Allen, F.C.A.
Librarian: R. H. Thompson.
Corresponding Member of Council for Ireland: M. Dolley, B.A., M.R.I.A., F.S.A.
Corresponding Member of Council for the United States of America: H. Grunthal.

The President, Mr. Lyon, delivered the Presidential Address.
January

By Mr. Ballingal:

A penny of Henry I, B.M.C. Type VII, Norwich.

Obv. [+HEN]RI REX
Rev. +[P]ON:ANO[NO]N
Die duplicate of coin in Moscow Museum of Fine Arts.

(BNJ, 1967, Pl. III No. 8) reading + E - AN: - B
Moneyer not in B.M., and hitherto this coin has been considered to be unique. It was known to Andrew who interpreted the moneyer’s name as being ‘FILHEMAR’.

By Mr. Brettell.

Two pennies of Henry I referred to by Mr. F. Elmore Jones at this meeting, viz.:

1. B.M.C. Type XIV, +hE---NG:ON:E--- Ex Drabble, Lot 664.
2. B.M.C. Type XV, +hE-----N:EXCES

February

By Mr. F. Elmore Jones.

Enlarged photographs of 2 important coins of Stephen, type II in the Uppsala University Collection. One, of Dorchester, provided a new mint for the reign. The other, of Durham, had hitherto only been known of Type I.

March

By Mr. Ballingal.

I The Civil War hoard found at Trysull, Staffs., in 1877. This hoard which is apparently unpublished consists of:

1. Elizabeth I shilling, i.m. 2 1602.
2. James I shilling, third coinage, i.m. lis 1621-3.
3. Charles I half crown, Tower Mint, i.m. star 1640-1
4. Charles I half crown, Tower Mint, i.m. triangle-in-circle, 1641-3.

II Forgeries of coins of Charles I:

1. Tower Unite, i.m. plume.
2. Tower Unite, i.m. triangle (from a genuine Tower shilling, mark of value altered from XII to XX.)
3. York shilling, from false dies, light weight, base.
4. Aberystwyth shilling, from false dies, light weight, base.
6. Bristol half crown, 1643, from false dies, light weight, base.
7. Weymouth/Salisbury half crown, silver plated forgery on copper core from genuine dies.

By Mr. D. Fearon.

Small medals and badges showing portraits of Charles II:

1. Children of Charles I. 1635, by Nicholas Briot. Prince Charles is on the left with Princess Mary (later of Orange) in the centre and Prince James (later James II) to the right. Both sides of this medal are after paintings by Sir Anthony Van Dyke. M.I. 273/72.
3. Prince Charles, badge, by Thomas Rawlins, probably a Military Reward and issued at the same time as the 'Forlorn Hope' Medal, in 1643. M.I. 372/263.
7. Another badge, the portrait copied from the last medal but with the addition of a crown. M.I. 454/40.
9. Dominion of the Sea, 1665, by Simon, two years after the 'Petition' Crown and believed to be his last work. M.I. 506/145.

By Mr. R. N. P. Hawkins.

I. An Irish coin weight dated 1670.
   *Obv.* c (ivitas) d (ublinie) above arms of the city. Around: DV(BLIN ?) --- D ESSAY MR.
   *Rev.* THE/WEIGHT/OF FOVRE SHJ/NINE PENCE/XVII/1670
   This was for weighing Pieces of Eight, at 17 dwt., which is a tolerance of 12 grains below their full minted weight, and showing exchange value 4s. 9d.

II. By Mr. R. N. P. Hawkins, on behalf of Major Pridmore.
A sketch of a 17th century token in the collection of Major Pridmore.
The token is made of lead and reads:—
   *Obv.* sRA:AMES COLLETT around the rim, and script IO with star above and below within a line inner circle.
   *Rev.* HIS HALFE PENNY around the rim, and 1700 with star above and below within a line inner circle.

Only one Sir James Collet or Collett existed in 1700. He was a sheriff of London who was created a knight bachelor by William III in the bedchamber at Kensington on 17th November 1697. His name was spelt Collett. For the remainder of the biographical information about him which is here presented we are indebted to the Librarian at Guildhall Library.

Collett was born about 1645 and died on April 24th 1711, his body being interred in the Nonconformist burial ground of Bunhill Fields. He was a member of the Common Council of the City of London, representing Vintry Ward, in 1681-3 and 1689-1701, styled in the rank of Captain in the Common Council records but in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in a 1695 assessment. He was a Sheriff of London in 1697–8.

A 1681 rate assessment list showed him as a householder in Queen Street, i.e. the thoroughfare still so named from Southwark Bridge to the London Guildhall. A 1695 tax assessment showed him (and three others of the same Christian- and surname) as still dwelling in the same parish of St. Martin Vintry.

Collett was a member of the Fruiterers Company, which is the sole but perhaps sufficient indication of his having had a commercial connection. In this Company he was a liveryman in 1682, a member of the Court of Assistants by 1684, and Master in 1687–8.

So much for the issuer. Investigation of the token has not so far proceeded beyond this point, and as to its purpose we are left with merely speculation. It seems unlikely that a City worthy with a new knighthood would indulge in the illegality of issuing a currency
token for trade. But it bears a currency denomination, and cannot therefore be merely of
the nature of a visiting card. Could Sir James have used it as a pledge to shopkeepers when
sending out a servant to fetch tobacco or a pot of ale to him during lengthy business in the
council chamber? Or indeed as Major Pridmore hoped when he acquired the token, does its
blatant wrongness as a home issue point to a setting in one of our possessions overseas, such
as a plantation in Jamaica?

By Mr. C. S. S. Lyon.
15 17th Century tokens.

Surrey 32 Cobham Thomas King (½d)
,, 98 Guildford town ½d.
,, 100 ,, John Browne.
,, 102 ,, Charles Hanby
,, 110 ,, Nicholas Lintott.
,, 114 ,, Abdiah Martin
,, 118 ,, John Martin.
,, 122 ,, Daniel Sarlle.
,, 125 ,, Thomas Tompson.
,, 126 ,, Thomas Tompson

Durham 13 Barnard Castle Mathias Sowerby
Rutland 10 Uppingham Peter Barriffe (½d).
Shropshire 56 Oswestry Hugh Edwards (½d).

By Mr. Peter Mitchell.
1. James I shilling, m.m. plain cross, rev. die as Lingford 1220.
2. James I sixpence, m.m. plain cross, 1618, unpublished, but noted in the Grant Francis
table as having been recorded in the trials of the Pyx.
3. Charles I Tower half crown, m.m. triangle (over anchor, over tun?) Mint mark not
known with this ‘tun’ horseman.
4. Charles I, Exeter sixpence, m.m. rose, 1644. Two specimens, one with small vi behind
head, unpublished; the other with vii recut in the die (Lockett 1).
5. Pontefract shilling, octagonal, 1648, after the death of Charles I, m.m. pistol. See
Nelson p. 36 where one is recorded in the Farquhar Collection.
6. Puncheons of Charles I shilling, type 4, struck on a lozenge-shaped flan. See Nelson
p. 27, where a similar piece (different dies) is illustrated under ‘Uncertain shilling’.
7. A 17th century Windsor Token of the ‘Bells of Ouseley’. Unpublished. The inn was
recently gutted by fire and rebuilt.

By Mr. Owen F. Parsons.
1. James I, silver medal on Peace with Spain 1604. This is a cast variant of M.I. 1 193/14,
the obverse legend (on a slightly raised band) reading MAG ? BRIT ? ERAN-ET. IIIB ? R
2. Engraved silver card counter, perhaps by Simon Passe with portraits of Elizabeth,
Countess Palatine, daughter of James I and her husband, Frederick, Count Palatine, made
after their marriage in February 1613, but before August 1619, when Frederick became
King of Bohemia. Ex Farquhar Collection, apparently unpublished.

3. Silver cliché medallet with portrait of Queen Henrietta Maria to left, in front a pot
from which springs the rose and lily. Perhaps struck on her marriage to Charles I in 1625.
M.I. plate CLXXX II No. 5 Ex Farquhar Collection. Apparently unique.

Casting defect by ruff, otherwise an exceptionally fine original cast, with the error qui in
legend on reverse.

5. Silver struck medallet by Nicholas Briot with similar types, but dated 1630, and ship
sails in the other direction. M.I. 1. 257/42.

6. Silver cast medallet, perhaps cast from previous, with ruff converted to lace collar
by tooing. M.I. 1. 257/43. Do struck examples of this medallet actually exist?

7. Uniface struck medallion portrait of Charles I by Thomas Simon signed T. S. F. below
bust, in silver, perhaps c. 1640–42. M.I. Plate CLXXXII No. 7, ex Farquhar Collection.
Apparently unique.

8. Royalist badge of Charles I by Thomas Simon with portrait on obverse based on
previous medal, and on reverse, Royal Arms with minute detail. Variant of M.I. Plate
XXXII No. 16.

9. Royalist badge by Thomas Simon, with similar portrait of King Charles on obverse,
and portrait of Queen Henrietta Maria on reverse. M.I. Plate XXXII No. 2.

10. Silver engraved card counter of c. 1640 being No. 7 of a set of 36 with the Cries of
London ‘Buy a hone or a whetstone’. Not in M.I., but see British Numismatic Journal Vol.
XIV, article by L. A. Lawrence, where this specimen is illustrated. Ex Farquhar Collection,
possibly only one other specimen known.

11. Silver medal on Coronation of Charles II at Scone, January 1st 1651, cast as always.
M.I. 1. 394/18 and Plate XXXV No. 8.

12. Struck medal in silver, with same devices, but legend on obverse in slightly different
form. Not in M.I. 1885, but a note against Plate XXXV No. 8 reads ‘Another of the same
design, but slightly larger, was struck. Only one specimen of the struck piece is known’.

By Mr. D. L. F. Sealy.


2. Charles I pattern twopence, by Briot. c. 1640.

3. QUATVOR MARIA VINDICO pattern farthing in silver, 1665.

4. William III Shilling, 1697; inverted A for v in GVLIELMVS.

5. Token farthing, c. 1660. Greene Dragon in Bowe Lane.


2. Gun-Money crown, 1690, overstruck on large half crown.

3. Limerick Money halfpenny, 1691, overstruck on the Gun-Money large
shilling. N.B. reversed N in HIBERNIA.

By Mr. W. Slayter.

1. Charles I Unit, Tower Mint, i.m. harp. 1632–33.

2. Charles I Half crown, i.m. (P), officially pierced during the great recoinage of 1696–7.
By Mr. Ian Stewart. Five Scottish Coins.

1. James VI 10/- piece, 1599. Obverse reads IACOB (normally IACOBVS)
2. 10/- piece, 1600. Same obverse, rusted die.
3. Similar, but a different reverse die, with spikes only on the outer side of the right thistle-stalk.
5. ,, ,, 1681. Obverse reads CAROLVS, perhaps altered from CAROVLS.

By Mr. R. H. Thompson.

Charles II crown, 1663, unpublished.
Obv. First bust, with extra curl on neck, and below c of CAROLVS. Compare obverses of E.S.C. 20, 27.
Rev. New shields, with no stops in legend. Compare reverse of E.S.C. 27A.

November

By Mr. C. S. S. Lyon.

1 & 2. Late coins of the ‘lunette’ type with ‘vertical’ die-cutting. One reads Burgred, the other Aethelred (blundered). The dies for both were cut by the same hand.
3 & 4. ‘Open cross’ coins of Aethelwulf. No. 3 is of Canterbury style, but of a Rochester moneyer in the previous type (Maninc). No. 4 is of Rochester style, rare for this type—moneyer Ethelmod.