PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, 1977

All meetings were held at the Warburg Institute, with the President, Mr. Woodhead, in the chair.

On 25 January Mr. Malcolm Rush was elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. G. P. Dyer read a paper entitled 'Thomas Humphrey Paget'.

At an Extraordinary Meeting on 22 February a resolution was put to members to change certain of the rules of the Society to enable the annual subscription to be fixed at the Anniversary Meeting. The resolution was approved by a majority of more than 80 per cent of the votes, as required by our rules.

On 22 February Mr. Gerard Brady, Mr. William N. Clarke, Mr. Charles Howard Johnson, and Mrs. Jane Kenworthy were elected to Ordinary Membership. Dr. J. P. C. Kent read a paper entitled 'New Evidence for the Dating of Gallo-Belgic Coins and their British Derivatives'.

On 22 March Mr. Brian Reeds, Mr. M. J. Dickenson, Dr. David Dumville, Mr. A. George Mallis, and Miss Fionna A. R. McGregor were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Pagan read a paper entitled 'Sir Isaac at the Mint', and Professor I. D. Brown read a paper entitled 'Statistical Analysis of Die Identities'.

On 26 April seven short papers were read on the coinages of the Plantagenet kings. Mr. Berry read a paper on the sterling counters of Edward I and II; Mr. Davis read a paper on the Long Cross coins of Henry III, class II; Mr. North read a paper on some Long Cross imitations; Mr. Wood read a paper on classes I, II, and III of the Berwick pennies of Edward I; Mr. Woodhead read a paper entitled '1A or not 1A, that is the question'; Mr. Merson read a paper on two groats of Edward III with altered dies; and Mrs. Delme-Radcliffe read a paper entitled 'Oddities and Rarities'.

On 24 May Mr. A. J. Arnot and Mr. Jackson Storm were elected to Ordinary Membership. Mr. Rigold read a paper entitled 'The Antic Shape of Kings and Kersars, Strange and Rare'.

On 25 October Council's proposals for Officers and Council for 1977-8 were read out, together with their proposals for subscription rates for 1978. Mr. D. Field was elected to Ordinary Membership, and Mr. T. C. Millett was elected to Junior Membership. Mr. C. S. S. Lyon read a paper entitled 'Some Thoughts on the Coinage of Edward the Elder'.

On 22 November Mr. R. C. Bell was elected to Ordinary Membership. The following Officers and Council were elected for 1978.

President: P. Woodhead, F.S.A.


Director: J. Brand.

Treasurer: R. J. Seaman, F.I.B.

Secretary: W. Slayter.

Librarian: R. H. Thompson, A.L.A.


The proposals of Council for an annual subscription of £12 for Ordinary Members, and £5 for Junior Members were approved. The Sanford Saltus Medal was awarded to Mr. S. E. Rigold.

Mr. Woodhead delivered his Presidential Address.
EXHIBITIONS

January

By Mrs. Murray.

A Scottish merk, of Charles II, 1675. The peculiar interest of this coin is that the obverse die was made with a broken head puncheon which is preserved in the NMAS (the only one of this coinage). Hocking's article shows the puncheon, cast in Fig. 2, no. 4, and actual puncheon in Fig. 4, no. 2.

For this coinage, matrices had been made from Simon's puncheon. The royal warrant for the change of design was entered in the records of the Privy Council of Scotland on 11 February 1675, and instructions to the mint official were entered on 25 February.

By Mr. Rigold.

A sceatta from Rochester, excavated 1976.

Obv. 'London connected type', Head r. with floral ornament to r.

Rev. Southampton type (Celtic cross of 5 circles).

By Mr. Merson. Two medals.

1. By Paget, 1928, rev. the same as that of a pattern crown.

2. Possibly by P. Metcalfe, bar 1930, p.m. below bust.

Apparently given to schoolchildren by an extreme right-wing organization, the British Empire Union, and the cause of questions in the Commons as to the activities of the Royal Mint.

February

By Major Lister.

Gold, silver, and potin Ancient British Coins, to illustrate the paper by Dr. Kent.

April

By Mr. Woodhead.

1. Short Cross penny Ib/la Mule? with altered mint reading.

2. Ib penny. For comparison with 1.

3. Ib/la mule?

By Mr. Merson, in illustration of his paper.

Two Edward III groats with altered dies

1. York, Pre-Treaty Class E CIVITAS CIVI...

Amended to CIVITAS EBO

2. London Pre-Treaty Class E

Rev. + POSVI over + EDW

Obv. + E over some uncertain letter.

By Mr. R. L. Davis.

Five Class II coins of the Long Cross coinage 1247-78, and two Continental contemporary imitations with the same reverse die. See this volume, pp. 138–41.

May

By Mr. E. D. Burt.

A Coronation Medallion of Anna of Russia, 1730–1740. (Bronze 62 mm.) Found in 1976 by Robert Prouse beneath original flooring of his house, built in 1815, at Bideford, Devon.

September

By Mr. Frank Purvey.

A Henry I penny, BMC type XII. Bristol, wt. 21 gr. Found in a lay-by on the A37 near Babcary (Ilchester) Somerset, taken to Bristol Museum, and declared a forgery.

November

By Mr. Rigold, on behalf of A. D. Saunders.


Numismatic contents of a well, rapidly filled in, in the present aisled nave of the Minster, but outside the earlier aisless nave.

Two worn and late sterling jettons and two billon Double Tournois of Philip VI, 1349. Also one early(? ) Moors head French jetton pierced for English use.

By Mr. Slayter.

A volume from the library of our Founder Member, Mr. Samuel Hamer, containing five separate editions of the prospectus that we issued on our foundation in 1903, the original book of rules of the Society, and the rules governing the award of the Sanford Saltus Medal.

Also the private token issued by Hamer, which is illustrated on his book-plate.