The 1894 Ballaquayle (Douglas) find, the most important of three tenth-century hoards of Anglo-Saxon coins from the Isle of Man ending with coins of Eadgar, has been the subject of notes by H. A. Grueber, 1 P. W. P. Carlyon-Britton, 2 C. E. Blunt, 3 and Professor M. Dolley, 4 as well as by local Manx antiquaries. The circumstances of its discovery are clear, as are the broad outlines of the hoard’s composition, but the number of coins involved has remained uncertain and a definitive publication even of the coins from it already traced is still awaited.

The purpose of the present note is to draw attention to five parcels of coins which appeared at sales conducted by Messrs. Sotheby between January 1898 and June 1899, and which there is reason to believe should be associated with the Ballaquayle find.

The first of these comprised lots 127–34 of a Sotheby sale of 10–12 January 1898. 5 Lot 127 was a coin of Eric Bloodaxe, lot 128 consisted of a coin of Eadmund and two coins of Eadwig, lot 129 three coins of Eadred, and lots 130–4 contained between them twenty-two coins of Eadgar, not described in detail but evidently for the most part coins of two-line type (BMC type I and its variants). Lot 126, the lot immediately preceding, was a coin of Ælfred, and lot 135, the lot immediately following, contained six coins of Æthelred II and Eadward the Confessor; there were no other Anglo-Saxon coins in that part of the sale.

In the following month, in a sale of 17–19 February 1898, 6 a similar group of coins appeared. Here lot 327 was a coin of Æthelstan, lots 328–30 contained between them five coins of Eadred, lot 331 was a coin of Eadwig, and lots 332–8 contained a total of twenty-six coins of Eadgar, of BMC types I, Ic, II, III, and V, with a mule of types III/IV. Apart from ten very miscellaneous ninth- and eleventh-century coins which comprised lots 339–41, there were no other Anglo-Saxon coins in that part of the sale.

Just a year later, in a sale of 6 February 1899, 7 lot 186 contained one coin of

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1 ‘The Douglas Find of Anglo-Saxon Coins and Ornaments’, NC xiii (1913), 322-48. Grueber states that ‘the description of the coins’ in this paper was written in 1895 but that ‘as I was unable to obtain particulars of the discovery of the hoard at the time the manuscript was put on one side and only surfaced years later.

2 ‘On Some Coins of the Tenth Century, Found in the Isle of Man, with Special Reference to a Penny of Anlaf Struck at Derby’, BNJ v (1908), 85-96.


4 ‘Some Preliminary Observations on Three Manx Coin-hoards Appearing to End with Pennies of Eadgar’, SNC (1975), 146-7, 190-2. Coins from the hoard now in the Manx Museum are listed on pp. 191-2.

5 This was a general sale including the collections of ‘a member of the Numismatic Society of London’, C. J. Caswell, J. B. Robinson, James Scotson, and other collectors.

6 This sale included the collection of William Mayler and those of ‘a well-known amateur’, ‘a member of the Numismatic Society of London’, and others.

7 The main property in this sale was ‘the valuable collection of English and foreign coins and medals, & the property of a baronet’. It also included a collection of war medals formed by Robert Thompson, and other properties.
Æthelstan, lots 187 and 188 four coins of Eadred, and lots 189-95 twenty-four coins of Eadgar, of *BMC* types I (and variants), II, III, and IV. Lot 185 was a ninth-century coin of Æthelred I of Wessex, lot 196 contained four coins of Eadward the Confessor, and lot 197 three coins of Burgred of Mercia, and that concluded the Anglo-Saxon element in that part of the sale.

A sale of 6-7 April 1899⁸ included, as part of ‘the property of a lady’, lots 285-91, containing between them no fewer than fifty-eight coins of Eadgar, of *BMC* types I (the majority), II, and III; while lot 292, containing thirteen coins in all, is described in the catalogue as consisting of ‘broken and cracked Saxon pennies, mostly of Eadgar; and two foreign sterlings’. Lot 293 comprised eight various ninth-, tenth-, and eleventh-century coins, and there were no further Anglo-Saxon coins in that property.

Finally, in a sale of 12-13 June 1899, lot 286 was a coin of Eadmund, lot 287 two coins of Eadred, lot 288 two coins of Eadwig, and lots 289-93 contained nine coins of Eadgar, of *BMC* types I, II, III, and IV. Lots 294 and 295 contained ten further ninth- and eleventh-century coins, of Burgred and of Eadward the Confessor, and lot 297 at least one coin of Æthelred II, but that concluded the Anglo-Saxon element in that part of the sale.

It will be clear from this summary that if these parcels derived from a hoard it was one with a range of tenth-century issues among which coins of Eadgar predominated, and which included all Eadgar’s substantive pre-reform types, including the late type *BMC* II, absent from the 1950 Chester hoard, but not coins of his reform type, *BMC* VI. In every case the coins potentially associable with such a hoard are accompanied by other Anglo-Saxon coins but in no case, save for the appearance of tenth-century coins respectively of Eadward the Elder, Eadred, and Eadwig in lot 293 of the sale of 6-7 April 1899, are the accompanying coins at all relevant to the potential hoard coins, or in themselves interesting; it could not be maintained that the way the coins in these parcels group in the reign-span Æthelstan–Eadgar was due to some accident of lotting or to their having belonged to a specialist collector of tenth-century coins. The most that might be urged is that the parcels deriving from the hoard in question may have been ‘salted’ by the addition of a few coins of the same period from other sources, and while this cannot be ruled out, a detailed consideration of the individual coins suggests that all the most significant of the coins involved had not previously appeared in the sale room and hence were indeed part of the hoard.

Before considering the identity of the hoard there is one preliminary point to be disposed of. Four of the five parcels appeared in sales among ‘other properties’ with no indication of any kind as to their ownership. The fifth, that in the sale of 6-7 April 1899, did, however, figure as part of ‘the property of a lady’, and its association with the four other parcels may seem speculative, especially as, unlike the other parcels, it was

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⁸ This sale contained a small collection which had belonged to F. M. Jervoise, of Herriard Park, Basingstoke, and a rather more important collection of Anglo-Saxon coins, described as ‘mostly from the Ulleskelf find (Bateman)’ and as being ‘the property of a well-known amateur’. This ‘amateur’ is identified in several copies of the sale catalogue as being Lord Grantley and the coins are certainly from series which Lord Grantley actively collected. However, the coins match to a considerable extent purchases under the name ‘Napier’ at the Bateman Herrlooms sale of 1893, and it may well be that this collection was made by Professor Arthur Sampson Napier (1853–1916), who was elected to the Numismatic Society of London on 16 Mar. 1893, just six weeks before the Bateman sale, and is known from a sale of 3-4 Aug. 1916 held after his death to have been a collector of Anglo-Saxon coins.

⁹ This sale included ‘a small but choice collection of Bactrian coins’, and coins from the collections of A. W. Smith and A. F. Hill.
entirely, or almost entirely, composed of coins of Eadgar and contained no scatter of coins of his immediate predecessors. It is, fortunately, a uniform characteristic of hoards deposited in Eadgar's reign up to the date of his reform of the coinage that they should contain coins of two-line type of previous reigns—coins of Eadmund, Eadred, Eadwig, and Eadgar of two-line type, as not being distinguishable from each other by type or weight and scarcely so by legend, circulated freely together—and the explanation for the absence of coins of Eadgar's predecessors from the parcel in the sale of 6–7 April 1899 must simply be that non-Eadgar coins had been culled off for separate sale, e.g. in the sale of June that year, and that the April parcel represented a less saleable core of the hoard which the vendor wished to be rid of.

That the hoard involved is that from Ballaquayle cannot be formally proven but seems patent. The anonymity of the vendor, or vendors; the dispersal of the coins through a number of minor sales; the blurring of the outline of each parcel by the addition of ordinary and actually quite irrelevant Anglo-Saxon coins of other periods; and even the way in which the earliest of the parcels is scantily catalogued (presumably so as not to draw undue attention to it) and the later parcels are catalogued with increasing detail (presumably as the vendor and cataloguer grew bolder); all point to the hoard from which the coins derive being a recent one falling within the ambit of the law of treasure trove, and to the vendor(s) being conscious that the coins should have been surrendered to the authorities. Not only is the 1894 Ballaquayle find a hoard found at just the right date and a hoard of just the right composition to be a likely source for the coins in the Sotheby sales, but it so happens that it is, as all those who have written on it have emphasized, a hoard over which official action at the time of discovery was slower and more inept than over any other hoard found at the end of the nineteenth century. Of a total of coins running into several hundreds a group numbering ninety-five only reached the British Museum for study, and it has been left to scholars of the present century to bring the total of identified Ballaquayle coins nearer to the true one and to indicate that still more remain to be traced.

In the course of the most recent note on the find, Professor Dolley, as well as giving the first proper account of the coins from it preserved in the Manx Museum, has indicated criteria as to patination which should identify uncleaned coins from it, and although this is not as wholly decisive when considering the coins in the Sotheby sales as it might be, since those coins from the Sotheby parcels which the present writer has seen have all been cleaned, yet the original patination seems from surviving traces in every case to have been a deep bottle-green and that seems wholly compatible with the patination of the uncleaned coins in the Manx Museum as described more fully by Dolley.

It remains to give a summary listing of the coins in the Sotheby sales, together with such information on their subsequent fate, or possible subsequent fate, as is available. In compiling the list and in the task of associating the descriptions of the coins as given in the sale catalogues with coins known today, I have been greatly helped as ever by Mr C. E. Blunt's knowledge of the series and unrivalled card index of it.

10 Lot 292 in this sale comprised 'broken and cracked Saxon pennies, mostly of Eadgar', which allows the inference that some of these were not coins of Eadgar, and lot 293 in the sale included, with five other coins obviously not from the same source, single coins of Eadweard the Elder, Eadred, and Eadwig. Lots 285–91 contained, by contrast, fifty-eight coins of Eadgar and no coins of other rulers. 11 SVC(1975), loc. cit.
Students may gauge the importance of this material for a reconstruction of the Ballaquayle hoard from the fact that the number of Ballaquayle coins from all sources identified up till now is in the region of 200; while the list below adds to these 200 coins at least another 120 of which the sale catalogues provide reasonable identifications and a further 50 or so described less fully.

LIST OF COINS

ÆTHELSTAN 925–939

**BMC V** (Circumscription/Cross type)

1. Chester mint, moneyer Eadmund. Legends + EDELSTAN REX TO BRT and EADMVND M-O LECE. ‘Slightly chipped on edge’. Sotheby 6–7 Feb 1899 lot 186 bt Walters = Walters sale (1913) lot 21 bt Young = SCBI Chester 39.
2. Chester mint, moneyer not stated. Sotheby 17–19 Feb 1898 lot 327 bt Ricketts.

EADMUND 939–946

**BMC VII var.** (Helmeted Bust/Cross Crosslet, Crescents and Dots)


EADRED 946–955

**BMC I** (Two-line type)

1. Moneyer Baldric. BALDRIC MOE. Sotheby 6–7 Feb 1899 lot 188 bt Lincoln.
2. Moneyer Cristin. GRIS(T)IN WO. Sotheby 17–19 Feb 1898 lot 329 bt Lincoln = perhaps coin in W. C. Boyd collection published NC (1900), p. 266. Not to be identified with coin now in Blunt collection ex Walters (1932) lot 64, which has a non-Ballaquayle patination.
5. Moneyer Oslac (?). OS(LA)F [stc] MO. Four dots in obverse field. Sotheby 12–13 June 1899 lot 287 bt Hands = BM ex Lockett sale (1955) lot 596 ex P. W. Carlyon-Britton sale (1913) lot 419. The BM coin clearly reads OSLAC but it has a Ballaquayle patination and the equation of it with the Sotheby 1899 coin seems certain.
8. Moneyer Thurmod. DRVRM0. Sotheby 6–7 Feb 1899 lot 188 bt Lincoln. Presumably variety with rosettes of pellets at top and bottom of reverse.

**BMC V** (Crowned Bust type)

13. Moneyer Farman. FARMAN MONE. Sotheby 6–7 Feb 1899 lot 187 bt Spink = SNC (1899) no. 57784, where it is stated that this coin was from the same obverse die as ibid., no. 57783, a coin of the same type by the moneyer Manna. The Farman coin = presumably SCBI Cambridge 595 ex Young ex P. W. Carlyon-Britton sale (1913) lot 408. It should be noted that Professor Grierson’s statement that
the Cambridge coin is 'plugged' is wrong, for all coins of this type by the moneyers Farman and Manna have a flat area at the point where the apparent plugging on the Cambridge coin occurs.


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**EADWIG 955–959**

*BMC I (Two-line type)*


4-5. Two coins, moneyers not stated. Sotheby 10-12 Jan 1898 lot 128 bt Lincoln.

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**EADGAR 959–975**

*BMC I (Two-line type)*


5. Moneyer Aedelger. ADELGER O. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 285 bt Spink.


7. Same moneyer. AEDEL ZIE NO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 286 bt Spink.


10. Moneyer Asferth. ASFERD MON. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 285 bt Spink.

11. Same moneyer. AZGERD NON. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 286 bt Spink = *SNC* (1899) no. 58588.

12. Moneyer Asmamed. AZMANED. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 285 bt Spink.


16. Moneyer Copman. CORN M. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 286 bt Spink = *SNC* (1899) no. 58597.

17. Moneyer Durand. DVRAND MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 286 bt Spink.

18. Moneyer Eanull. EANULF MO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 190 bt Walters.

19. Same moneyer. GANULF MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 287 bt Spink.

20. Same moneyer. EANULF MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 287 bt Spink.


23. Moneyer Ethelm. EDELM MO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 190 bt Walters.

24. Moneyer Farthe(i)n. CARDEIII NO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 287 bt Spink.

25. Moneyer Isenbert. ISENBERT. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink.

26. Moneyer Isengild. ISENGILD MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink.

27-8. Moneyer Grid. GRID MONE. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 287 bt Spink. Two coins.

29. Moneyer Harcer. MARCHER MO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 194 bt Fenton.

30. Same moneyer. MARCHER MO. Sotheby 6-7 February 1899 lot 293 bt Spink = *SNC* (1899) no. 58599, which notes the triangle of pellets in obverse field.

31. Moneyer Hereman. HEREMAN O. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 287 bt Spink.

32. Moneyer Hering. HERIGER. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 191 bt Meder.

33. Same moneyer. HERIGER. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 195 bt Fenton.

34. Same moneyer. HERIGER. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 334 bt Verity.

35. Moneyer Ingolf. INGOLF MV. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink = *SNC* (1899) no. 58586.

36. Moneyer Isenbert. ISENBERT. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink.
FIVE FURTHER PARCELS OF COINS AETHELSTAN-EADGAR

37. Moneyer IVE. IVE. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 195 bt Fenton.
38. Same moneyer. IVE MONET. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink. Cf. SNC (1899) nos. 58583, 58589.
39. Same moneyer. IVE NONET. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
40. Same moneyer. IVE NONEN. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
41. Same moneyer. IVE NONEN. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Cf as above.
42. Same moneyer. IVE MONET. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
43. Moneyer Lenna. LENNA NO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink = SNC (1899) no. 58596.
44. Moneyer Manan (or Manna). MANAN. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 334 bt Verity.
45. Same moneyer. FANNA. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 195 bt Fenton.
46. Same moneyer. MANAM NO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
47. Same moneyer. WANAI MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Two coins. Cf. as above.
48. Same moneyer. MANAN MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
49. Same moneyer. MANAN MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
50. Same moneyer. NANNAN NO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
51. Moneyer Morgna. MORGEMAI. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Two coins. One of these = SNC (1899) no. 58594.
52. Same moneyer. MORENA. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 194 bt Fenton.
53. Moneyer Ogman. OEEMAN VI. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 194 bt Fenton.
54. Same moneyer. OGENANBI. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink = SNC (1899) no. 58591.
55. Moneyer Rigolf. RIGOLF MN. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 290 bt Cooper.
56. Moneyer Unbein. VNBEIN MO. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 336 bt Bearman.
57. Same moneyer. VNBEIN. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 195 bt Fenton.
58. Same moneyer. VNBEIN O. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink. Four coins, 'all varied dies'.
59. Same moneyer. VNBEIN MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 290 bt Cooper.
60. Same moneyer. VNBEIN MO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 290 bt Cooper. Two coins. Probably SNC (1899) no. 58604.
61. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 194 bt Fenton.
62. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 288 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
63. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
64. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Cf. as above.
65. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 289 bt Spink. Cf. as above.

BMC Ie (Two-line type, rosettes of pellets above and below, three crosses between the lines of the inscription)

67. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 194 bt Fenton.
68. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 194 bt Fenton.
69. Moneyer Edroth. EDROB. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 192 bt Fenton.
71. Same moneyer. WULGAR. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 334 bt Verity.
72. Same moneyer. WULGAR. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 334 bt Verity.

BMC Id (Two-line type, rosettes of pellets above and below, annulet, cross, and annulet between the lines of the inscription)

73. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 190 bt Walters = Walters sale (1913) 26 bt Lincoln. This may possibly be SCBI Chester 91 ex Gardner ex SNC (1919) no. 70778 ex P. W. Carlyon-Britton sale (1918) lot 1720.
74. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 190 bt Walters = Walters sale (1913) 26 bt Lincoln. This may possibly be SCBI Chester 91 ex Gardner ex SNC (1919) no. 70778 ex P. W. Carlyon-Britton sale (1918) lot 1720.
75. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 12-13 June 1899 lot 293 bt Spink = SNC (1899) no. 58609. Perhaps the coin later in Mann sale (1917) lot 164 ex Bliss sale (1916) lot 103, where it is specifically assigned a 'Douglas' hoard provenance. Now perhaps SCBI Chester 93 or 94.
76. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 192 bt Fenton.
77. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 191 bt Meder.
78. Same moneyer. MELCO. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 191 bt Meder.

BMC II (Three-line type)

80. Same moneyer. GILLVS M LE. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 335 bt Verity.
81. Same moneyer. GILLVS M LE. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 335 bt Verity.
82. Same moneyer. GILLVS M LE. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 335 bt Verity.
83. Same moneyer. GILLVS M LE. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 335 bt Verity.
BMC III (Circumscription/Cross type)


81. Winchester mint, moneyer Æthestan. Legends +ADGAR REX and AÆDESTAN MO PI. ‘Small cross and dot in centre’, i.e. a pellet in obverse field. Sotheby 12-13 June 1899 lot 291 bt O'Hagan = O'Hagan sale (1907) lot 353.

82. Same mint and moneyer. Legends +EADGAR REX AN and AÆDESTAN MO PI. Sotheby 12-13 June 1899 lot 292 bt Spink = SNC (1899) no. 58615, where a pellet in obverse field is noted.


84. No mint, moneyer Durand. DVRAND. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 333 bt Verity.

85. Same moneyer. DVRANDES MOT. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 193 bt Walters.

86. Same moneyer. DVRANDES MOT. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 291 bt Spink.

87. No mint, moneyer Fastolf. FASTOLF. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 193 bt Walters.

88. Same moneyer. FASTOLF. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 193 bt Walters.

89. Same moneyer. FASTOLF. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 193 bt Fenton.

90. Same moneyer. FASTOLF mons (sic, query recte). Three coins. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 290 bt Cooper.

91. No mint, moneyer Fastolf Doda. FASTOLF AODA. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 291 bt Spink = SNC (1899) no. 58571 = presumably P. W. Carleyon-Britton sale (1913) lot 457.

92. No mint, moneyer Fastolf Rafn. FASTOLF RAFN. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 290 bt Cooper = presumably P. W. Carleyon-Britton sale (1918) lot 1726. Perhaps the coin now in Liverpool Museum ex Nelson.

93. No mint, moneyer Herolf. HEROLF. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 193 bt Walters.

94. Same moneyer. HEROLF MONE. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 291 bt Spink. Cf. SNC (1899) nos. 58572-6, 58578-80.

95. Same moneyer. HEROLF MONE. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 291 bt Spink. Cf. as above.

96. Same moneyer. HEROLF MONE. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 291 bt Spink. Cf. as above.

97. Same moneyer. HEROLF MONE. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 291 bt Spink. Cf. as above.

98. Moneymaster either Durand or Herolf (probably the latter). Three coins. Sotheby 6-7 April 1899 lot 291 bt Spink. Cf. as above.


BMC IV (Circumscription/Rosettes type)

102. Moneymaster Eoroth. EOROD MONET. Sotheby 6-7 Feb 1899 lot 189 bt Cull.


BMC V (Bust type)

104. Moneymaster Liofstan. LIOFSTAN MONETA. Sotheby 17-19 Feb 1898 lot 332 bt Lincoln = probably Grantley sale (1944) lot 1093 ex Lawrence.

Mule of BMC III/IV


12 Mr J. D. Brady of the American Numismatic Society has kindly confirmed that the patination of this coin is compatible with the patination of the Ballaquayle coins as described by Professor Dolley.

13 This also has a Ballaquayle patination (information kindly supplied by Mr E. J. Priestley, Curator of Shrewsbury Museum).
FIVE FURTHER PARCELS OF COINS ÆTHELSTAN EADGAR

Type not stated but presumably mostly coins of BMC I

No identification given but said to be mostly of Eadgar.
1–11. Sotheby 6–7 April 1899 lot 292 bt Oman. 'Broken and cracked Saxon pennies, mostly of Eadgar'. 11 coins. 14

ERIC BLOODAXE (first reign in York) 948–949
Sword/Two-line type

14 This lot may be the source of three coins of Eadgar of Two-line type, moneyers respectively Albutic, Cawelin, and Ivu, presented by the future Sir Charles Oman to the Bodleian Library in 1899 (SCBI Oxford 386, 387, and 397). They have not, however, been included in the list of Eadgar coins given above. It may be convenient to note here that the following coins possibly deriving from the Ballaquale hoard have also been excluded from the foregoing list: (i) thirteen coins forming lot 50 of a Sotheby sale of 18–20 July 1896, of Æthelstan, Eadgar, Eadmund, and Eadred, described as 'all corroded' and perhaps representing an uncleaned parcel from Ballaquale; (ii) a group of coins in the Bliss sale, 1916, with stated 'Isle of Man' (i.e. Ballaquale) provenances; here the uncertainty is whether these coins derive from one or other of the Sotheby sales taken account of in this note, or whether they represent a further parcel, or whether the truth is somewhere between the two.