

ANOTHER SMALL PARCEL FROM THE GREAT FIND AT ECCLES

IN the *Journal* for 1954, Mr. R. H. M. Dolley published details of a small parcel of Short Cross pennies which he postulated had come from the Eccles (1864) hoard (*Inventory* 152). The collection of coins in Maidstone Museum includes a parcel from that hoard and it may be thought instructive to compare the two. The Maidstone parcel was presented to the Museum by a Miss Romilly in March, 1900. It consists of 58 pennies: 55 English Short Cross and 3 Irish of John. Analysed in accordance with the classification evolved by Dr. L. A. Lawroec, there are 15 coins of class V, thirteen of class VI and twenty seven of class VII. There are no specimens from the period prior to the recoinage of 1205. The parcel described by Mr. Dolley, although consisting of only 24 pennies, included two of the early issues and two Scottish of William the Lion, but no Irish. Tabulated the two parcels appear as follows:—

Class	'Dolley'		Maidstone	
	Coins	%	Coins	%
I - IV	2	8	—	—
V	9	38	15	26
VI	4	17	13	22
VII	7	29	27	47
Irish	—	—	3	5
Scots	2	8	—	—
	—	—	—	—
	24	100	58	100
	—	—	—	—

Whereas we would anticipate the composition of a parcel from the Eccles hoard to show coins of class VII to be in excess of 50 per cent of the total, neither of these parcels so do. The Maidstone coins are not too far away from the expected ratios, especially when we consider the small size (0.93%) of the sample, but the coins shown to Mr. Dolley give the classes in a ratio which would seem more appropriate to a hoard deposited in the third decade of the thirteenth century. This may, however, be no more than the effect of chance selection in such a tiny (0.39) percentage of the find, or, and much more probable, the especial inclusion, in both groups, of coins from a selection of mints. As illustration of the latter theory the tables are shown again below after excluding the provincial mints and also the 'foreign' coins which are over-represented.

Class	'Dolley'		Maidstone	
	Coins	%	Coins	%
IV	1	6	—	—
V	3	20	10	20
VI	4	27	13	26
VII	7	47	27	54
	—	—	—	—
	15	100	50	100
	—	—	—	—

The Maidstone parcel now shows a ratio consistent with the similar finds from Colchester (*Inventory* 94) and 'France' (NC 1897), and the parcel published by Mr. Dolley is perhaps not inconsistent with them when it is taken into account that the transfer of merely one coin from the earlier classes to the latest would give the latter 53 per cent of the total.

The Maidstone coins are of the following mints and moneyers:—

ENGLAND		Lawrence Class					Total
		Vb	Vc	VI	VII		
LONDON	Abel	—	—	2	—	—	2
	Elis	—	—	—	3	—	3
	Ilger	—	—	4	—	—	4
	Rauf	—	1	1	—	—	2
	Raulf	—	—	1	1	—	2
	Rencr	1	—	—	—	—	1
	Ricard B	1	—	—	—	—	1
	Terri	—	—	—	2	—	2
	Walter	—	1	1	—	—	2
	Willelm B	—	1	—	—	—	1
	Willelm L	1	—	—	—	—	1
	Willelm T	1	—	—	—	—	1
							22
CANTERBURY	Arnaud	1	—	—	—	—	1
	Henri	—	—	1	1	—	2
	Hiun	—	—	1	—	—	1
	Ioan	—	—	—	3	—	3
	Ioan Chic	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Iohan	1	—	—	—	—	1
	Iun	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Osmund	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Roberd	1	—	—	—	—	1
	Roger	—	—	—	2	—	2
	Roger of R	—	—	—	3	—	3
	Salemun	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Samuel	—	—	1	1	—	2
Simon	—	—	—	1	—	1	
Simun	—	—	—	1	—	1	
Tomas	—	—	—	1	—	1	
Walter	—	—	1	—	—	1	
						24	
						46	

		<i>Lawrence Class</i>				<i>Total</i>	46
		Vb	Vc	VI	VII		
ENGLAND (<i>cont.</i>)		<i>brought forward</i>					
BURY ST.							
EDMUNDS	Norman	—	—	—	3*	3	
	Willelm	—	—	—	1	1	
						—	4
DURHAM	Pieres	—	1	—	—	1	
LINCOLN	Hue	1	—	—	—	1	
NORTHAMP- TON		1	—	—	—	1	
WINCHESTER	Miles	1	—	—	—	1	
YORK	Davi	1	—	—	—	1	
		—	—	—	—	—	
		11	4	13	27	55	
		—	—	—	—	—	
IRELAND							
DUBLIN	Roberd					3	
						—	
						58	
						—	

*Two of these coins are from the same dies, one of them being very double-struck.

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TWO SMALL LATE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY HOARDS FROM CO. TYRONE.

In checking through a small collection of coins in the possession of Capt. J. B. Butler, now living with his son-in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. G. A. N. Boyne, Kinnaird House, Caledon, Co. Armagh, the writer came across a halferown of William III 1696 OCTAVO, in fairly good condition. It was in a folded-up letter reading as follows :

"The Bank Buildings
Belfast 11 April, 1888.

Mr. Milligan begs to enclose a Wm. 3rd 2/6 to Miss Bernard. This with five others was found recently in a leather purse in a Bog near Castlederg, Co. Tyrone, and were all in good order.

Mr. Milligan arranged with Dr. Bernard to send you the coin'.

Mr. Milligan was Seaton Forrest Milligan, J.P., M.R.I.A., ultimately a director of Robertson, Ledlie and Ferguson. He was local secretary and Vice-President for several years of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland and contributed a number of interesting papers to the *Journal*; he also produced a small guide to Tyrone and Fermanagh.¹

Dr. Walter Bernard, of Buncrana, Co. Donegal, practised in Londonderry and was the uncle of Miss Mary Emily Bernard. It was he who was largely responsible for the restoration between 1874 and 1878 of the great stone fort of Grianan of Aileach, the royal seat of the northern O'Neills, Kings of Ulster. His niece, the aunt of Capt. Butler, lived in Dublin.

Another small cache terminating at approximately the same date, but lower in value, was found at Stewartstown, in the eastern part of County Tyrone, in 1956. This came to the notice of the Ministry of Finance when workmen were digging a sewer trench at Castle Farm in the second week of March.

The coins were as follows: William III, shilling and sixpence, both dated 1696; Scotland, Charles II, bawbee, 1678; Ireland, halfpennies (22). The Irish pieces consisted of Charles II, 1681 (2), 1682 (1), 1683 (3), date uncertain (3); James II, 1686 (1); William and Mary, 1692 (2), 1693 (2), 1694 (3), date uncertain and holed (3); William III, 1696 (1), date uncertain (1).

The extremely worn condition of one William III halfpenny makes it unlikely that this small collection of coins was lost or buried much before the end of the seventeenth century. As there was no re-issue of Irish copper coinage until Wood's halfpence in the reign of George I (1722), the deposit may well have taken place in the early eighteenth century.

The coins were obtained by the Ministry and later handed over to the Ulster Museum.

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A 1918 SILVER HOARD FROM LURGAN, CO. ARMAGH.

On Friday 4 September 1964 Mr. Patriek McGeown, a builder's labourer, employed by Messrs. Lavery, building contractors, was breaking up rubble (taken from a row of cottages in Lake Street, Lurgan, which were being demolished and dumped by lorry at a new housing site on the Portadown Road) when his

pick struck a small linen bag amongst the débris and he heard a tinkling of money. On picking up the bag he found inside the remains of a paper packet with the name and address of a former local grocery store which was in existence c. 1900-48 (M. O'Neill, Family Grocers, Tea and Coffee Dealers, Wine and

¹ Mr. R. H. M. Dolley reminds me that it was Milligan's letter to Dr. Frazer which was the principal evidence for his reconstructing the summary form

of the hoard of Hiberno-Norse and Anglo-Saxon pennies found near Ballycastle in 1890. See *Ulster Journ. Archaeol.* xxiv & xxv (1961/2) pp. 88-90.