

Cullmore find c.1315 which contained an EDWARRA type but no other Gaucher type, confirms the impression that the EDWARRA series was produced immediately prior to the issues in Gaucher's own name and his later series of Edward copies. It will be interesting to see whether the two recent finds from the Isle of Man (Ballaslig and Kilkenny), probably from this decade, add to our knowledge on this point.

Gaucher worked the mints at Yves, Neufchateau

and Florennes by right of his wife Isabelle of Rumigny whom he married in 1313. Isabelle died in 1322, but it is not clear whether Gaucher actually struck in Florennes after 1318 when Ferry IV, duke of Lorraine imposed certain conditions on the operation of the Florennes mints. The EDWARRA type therefore falls within the dates 1313–1318/22, and may probably be placed early within that period.

NEW CHARLES I SHILLINGS OF CHESTER AND THE TOWER

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FURTHER to my notes on the Civil War coinage of Chester,¹ I have to report the discovery of a new type of shilling (Fig. 1). The obverse is from the same die as Lyall type e/vii.² The reverse has a square topped shield without cross contained by an inner circle and is similar to that of the threepence (Fig. 2). The reverse mint mark is impossible to determine because of the flatness at the top of the coin. Whilst there are traces of at least two pellets after REGNO, which could suggest a triangle of pellets as on the obverse, the apparent absence of a crown over the shield could afford speculation for the presence of a prostrate garb with pellets each side as on the threepence. This will have to remain a subject for conjecture until a better

specimen turns up. This coin, clipped, weighs 79.43 grains.

Two Tower shillings have come to light. The first is a coin of Group E, m.m. bell, obverse 1, the reverse as reverse 1, but with Welsh plumes above the shield (Fig. 3). The second is a coin of Briot's hammered issue, m.m. triangle (over anchor on obverse — a die duplicate of Brooker 738) and with lozenge stops both sides (Fig. 4). Its reverse, with the mint mark not over anchor, is new. This coin came from the Messing hoard. I am indebted to Colin de Rouffignac and Ivan Buck for bringing these two coins to my notice.



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¹ *BNJ* 52 (1982), 245–6.

² R. Lyall, 'The Chester Mints and the Coins attributed to

that Mint', *N. Circ* 79 (1971), 98–99.