

foreign sterlings of contemporary dates, all, save one of the last named, being in good condition.

Mr. Macdonald is to be congratulated upon advancing a step towards the elucidation of the division of the Edwardian series in his careful sub-divisions of the lettering on the coins, a classification which is new and will undoubtedly prove useful, but too intricate for repetition.

There were 155 pennies reading ✠ EDW R, etc. These comprise the mints of London, Bristol, Canterbury, Chester, Durham, Lincoln, Newcastle and York; 175 reading ✠ EDW T R etc., of London, Berwick, Bury St. Edmund's, Canterbury and Durham; 83 reading ✠ EDW T R R etc., of London, Bury St. Edmund's, Canterbury and Durham; 6 reading ✠ EDW T R D R etc., of London; 3 reading ✠ EDW REX<sup>1</sup> etc., of London.

The proportions of these figures are, as Mr. Macdonald rightly urges, weighty evidence in favour of re-assigning the series reading ✠ EDW REX<sup>1</sup> etc., to Edward I. It is unfortunate that no find, so far as reliable records are forthcoming, is quite conclusive on this much debated question, but that in review goes far towards proving the case; and if only Mr. Neck's report of the Northampton find, which Mr. Macdonald quotes, were not a little ambiguous on one point, it would be solved. Surely, however, the lettering and general workmanship of these coins ought to be their warranty.

*The Coinage of Henry IV.*, by L. A. Lawrence. This is a detailed account of the silver coinage of the reign, but as it is written by Mr. Lawrence, whose contributions on mediæval coinage to the *British Numismatic Journal* will, I trust, presently include a treatise on this reign, I need not analyse it here.

Under the same heading, Mr. Frederick A. Walters, F.S.A., treats the subject at greater length, and includes the gold coinage. His views by no means coincide with those of Mr. Lawrence, and it will be interesting to await fresh arguments *pro et contra*. The theory propounded, that during the first thirteen years of his reign, Henry IV. continued to issue groats struck from the dies, and consequently

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Macdonald prints this word REX, but his illustration does not support that form of the letter E.