

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY

## PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

(See page 367 for the list of past Presidents. MR. H. W. TAFFS remained President in 1940.)

## THE JOHN SANFORD SALTUS GOLD MEDAL

(See page 368 for the complete list of recipients.)

## OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

SESSION 1940

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## ORDINARY MEETING

24 JANUARY 1940

MR. H. W. TAFFS, *President, in the Chair*

Captain Leslie S. Mallory and Captain R. G. Southey, M.C., were elected members of the Society.

It was announced that vol. xviii of the *Corpus Nummorum Italicorum* had been presented to the Society by H.M. the King Emperor of Italy. A vote of thanks was accorded to His Majesty.

*Exhibitions*

MR. A. H. BALDWIN exhibited a cast gold "bullet", being a form of north Gaulish coinage in the pre-Roman period.

MR. TAFFS exhibited a series of coins in unusual metals and shapes, including Chinese Sword money, Bullet money of Siam, Willow-leaf money, "Shoe" or "Boat" money, Corean pieces with porcelain centre, Siamese porcelain money, Japanese ingots, Canoe money, Spade money, Hat money, Fishhook money, Cufic glass weights, Plate money of Sweden, and Cowrie shells.

*Paper*

DR. E. C. CARTER gave a paper entitled "Gold as a Medium of Currency". He reviewed the use of gold at various times in the history of civilization, and showed how the system of barter developed into that of currency. The paper was followed by a discussion. Dr. Carter deserves the especial thanks of the Society since the paper was produced at very short notice.

## ORDINARY MEETING

28 FEBRUARY 1940

MR. H. W. TAFFS, *President, in the Chair*

This meeting was held informally and the evening was devoted to the exhibition of coins and medals.

ORDINARY MEETING

27 MARCH 1940

MR. H. W. TAFFS, *President, in the Chair*

It was announced that Messrs. Spink & Son had kindly presented the Society with vol. xlvii of the *Numismatic Circular*. A vote of thanks was returned.

*Exhibitions*

MR. A. H. F. BALDWIN exhibited a series of clipped groats of Henry VI to illustrate the average in circulation. He also exhibited a series of typical medieval coins of Europe, especially of the fourteenth century.

DR. E. C. CARTER exhibited four trial striking in lead of the pattern crown of George IV, 1818, by Pistrucci.

MR. C. A. WHITTON exhibited a series of medieval English coins in illustration of his paper.

*Paper*

MR. C. A. WHITTON delivered a paper entitled "Medieval Currency". He pointed out the influence of the economic history of the Middle Ages on its coinage, and emphasized the importance of studying coins in this light.

ORDINARY MEETING

24 APRIL 1940

MR. H. W. TAFFS, *President, in the Chair*

Mr. David Spink and Mr. S. Simpson were nominated for membership of the Society.

*Exhibitions*

MR. H. H. KING exhibited a fine series of coins of the Steyning mint.

*Paper*

MR. H. H. KING read a paper on the Steyning mint. He traced the history of the mint throughout its life and was able to confirm certain disputed allocations. It is hoped to publish this paper in a later volume of the *Journal*.

## ORDINARY MEETING

22 MAY 1940

Owing to the illness of Mr. Taffs an informal meeting was held at which various coins and medals were exhibited.

## ORDINARY MEETING

26 JUNE 1940

MR. H. W. TAFFS, *President, in the Chair*

Mr. David Spink and Mr. S. Simpson were elected members of the Society.

*Exhibitions*

MR. A. H. BALDWIN exhibited a hoard of pennies of Aethelred II, type IV, from near Shaftesbury.

*Paper*

MR. A. H. BALDWIN read a paper on the hoard of pennies of Aethelred II, type IV, which he had exhibited. He discussed the mints of the coins, and pointed out the curious feature that, though found in the West Country, the majority of coins were from the mints of Lincoln and York and contained many die duplicates of those mints.

## ORDINARY MEETING

23 OCTOBER 1940

DR. E. C. CARTER, *Vice-President, in the Chair*

It was announced that the President had been seriously injured by a bomb, and his house demolished. It was decided to send him a special vote of sympathy from the Society.

It was decided to continue meetings in spite of air raids. The Society's windows had been broken by bombs in Bedford Square.

*Exhibitions*

DR. E. C. CARTER exhibited a unique half-unite of Charles I with the trefoil mint-mark on obverse and reverse, and the bust and types of the coins with the fleur-de-lys mark.

The trefoil mark was the last of James I, and does not normally occur on coins of Charles I. He also exhibited two unites of Charles I with the fleur-de-lys mark showing two varieties of crown.

MISS FARQUHAR exhibited a silver jetton cast from a high-relief pattern of Abraham Vanderdort.

### *Paper*

MR. D. F. ALLEN read a paper, based on notes made by Miss Farquhar, and kindly entrusted to him for publication, which showed that the gold patterns in high relief for £1, £3, and £5 pieces of Charles I (including the "Juxon Medal") were the work of Abraham Vanderdort, the Keeper of the Royal collection of pictures and medals, and had been used as the models of the coinage issued.

## ANNIVERSARY MEETING

30 NOVEMBER 1940

The meeting was held informally. The Council's Report was unanimously adopted. It was decided to hold no formal election of officers and council for the year, but to invite the present officers to continue in office for another year. It was decided to hold meetings informally unless the attendance increased, but at all costs to continue the meetings in some form.

### *Exhibitions*

MR. D. F. ALLEN exhibited a small Civil War hoard from Kidlington, Oxon., the latest coin of which was an Oxford half-crown of 1642.

MR. A. H. BALDWIN exhibited a fine set of half-crown, shilling, and sixpence of Charles II's hammered coinage without mark of value.

### *The Council's Report*

(30 November 1940)

The Council has the honour to present its thirty-sixth Annual Report.

The membership of the Society has remained more or less constant throughout the year. The resignations have been

fewer than might have been expected in war-time. The Council is pleased to record the following elections to membership: Capt. Leslie Mallory, Capt. R. G. Southey, M.C., Mr. David Spink, Mr. Stephen Simpson.

The only member known to have died in this year is Sir George Macdonald, who had recently been elected to Honorary Membership.

It has been the aim of the Council to maintain as far as possible the activities of the Society during war-time. The Society's Room and Library, which are still on the premises of the Royal Anthropological Institute, have remained open. Meetings have been held at various hours on the appropriate days. Attendance, though not good, has been sufficient to justify their continuance.

Five papers have been read before the Society and are summarized in this *Journal*. The Council wishes to record its gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of its meetings, not only by reading papers, but also by exhibiting coins from their collections.

A number of the *Journal* has been produced in the course of the year. The rising cost of printing will of necessity limit somewhat the size and sumptuousness of future volumes, but it is hoped that the *Journal* will continue to justify itself. Although research is not likely to flourish in war-time, the editors have enough material in hand for another two volumes.

The Council wishes to record its gratitude to the various officers who have performed their duties in difficult circumstances. In particular it wishes to renew its thanks to Mr. Taffs, who for a large part of the year fulfilled not only the office of President but also that of Secretary. They wish to extend their deepest sympathy to him for the loss and injury he has suffered in a recent bomb outrage.

The thanks of the Council are also due to Mr. Wrightson, the Treasurer, who is protecting the financial stability of the Society in increasingly difficult times.

The Council also wish to thank Mr. Dakers for his work as Librarian. It should be recorded that before the outbreak of war, the King of Italy presented a further volume of his *Corpus* of Italian coins, which was suitably acknowledged at the time.

Especial gratitude is also due to Mr. Whitton, who, as assistant editor, did most of the work involved in producing