

A HOARD OF COINS OF ÆTHELRÆD II FOUND IN IRELAND.

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THE coins described in this article were found near Dublin in the early part of 1923, and came into the writer's possession a few months later. The hoard consisted of 34 coins, all of the reign of Æthelræd II, which were evidently deposited in the early part of that reign, as only the first two main types are represented.

The writer could obtain no information as to the circumstances in which the hoard was discovered, but there is every reason to believe that the 34 specimens described below comprised the whole find.

The coins were probably enclosed in a leather wallet or purse, which would account for the circumstance that whilst the greater part of the coins are in excellent state of preservation and quite flat, several of those which probably formed the outer part of the mass and came into contact with the earth in which they were deposited, were considerably bent, had become very fragile, and since the time of finding have broken into several pieces.

The writer has thought that it may be of interest to the Society to have a detailed list of the coins comprised in this hoard. It is principally upon evidence provided by hoards of coins that we must depend to enable us to determine the correct sequence of types. Of the reign of Æthelræd II, no satisfactory suggestion has yet been put forward to enable us to correctly allocate, with any degree of certainty, the sequence of the various types; and detailed lists of coins in hoards, however small, may prove of service to other investigators into this branch of numismatics.

The analysis of the hoard is as follows. The coins are all pennies; no divisions of the penny:—

Type I.—Obverse:—Bust to left.

Reverse:—Small cross.

(Hawkins, 205; Hildebrand, A; *British Museum Catalogue*, i.)

Hamtune (Northampton) 1

Type II.—Obverse:—Bust to right.

Reverse:—Divine hand issuing from clouds.

(Hildebrand, B 1; *British Museum Catalogue*, ii, variety a.)

Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	2
Exeter	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gloucester	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lincoln	..	..	..	..	..	5
London	..	..	..	..	..	7
Lydford	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rochester	..	..	..	..	..	2
York	..	..	..	..	..	2

Type II variety, with Divine hand issuing from a sleeve cuff.

York 3

Type II variety, with bust to *left*.

(Hildebrand, B 1, variety a; *British Museum Catalogue*, ii.)

Shrewsbury 1

Type III.—Obverse :—Bust to right, sceptre in front.

Reverse :—Divine hand as before, but with lines curved outwards issuing from clouds.

(Hawkins, 206 ; Hildebrand, B 2 ; *British Museum Catalogue*, ii, variety d.)

Exeter	..	..	..	..	..	2
London	..	..	..	..	..	3
Lydford	..	..	..	..	..	I
Thetford	..	..	..	..	..	I

Type IV.—Obverse :—Bust to right, sceptre in front.

Reverse :—Divine hand giving the Latin benediction.

(Hildebrand, B 3 ; *British Museum Catalogue*, ii, variety f.)

Hamwic (Southampton)	..	..	..	I
Total	..	..	..	34

The following is a descriptive list of the coins :—

Type I.—Obverse :—Draped bust to left, within inner circle.

Reverse :—Small cross, within inner circle.

(Hawkins, 205 ; Hildebrand, A ; *British Museum Catalogue*, i.)

HAMTUNE. (Northampton).

I.—Obverse :— + ÆÐED REX ANCLOX

Reverse :— + CYLM M^o HAMTV

Plate, Fig. I.

Type II.—Obverse :—Draped bust to right, within inner circle.

Reverse :—Divine hand issuing from clouds ; on either side of hand, $\bar{\lambda}$ and $\bar{\omega}$, within inner circle.

(Hildebrand, B 1 ; *British Museum Catalogue*, ii, variety a.)

CANTERBURY.

2.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGLOR

Reverse :— † BOIA M^o CÆNT :•

3.—Obverse :— As No. 2.

Reverse :— † BOIA M^o CÆNT

EXETER.

4.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGLOR

Reverse :— † BRVN M^o EAXECESTE

GLOUCESTER.

5.—Obverse :— † Æ[DELRE]D REX ANGLOR

Reverse :— † L[EOFS IG]E M^o GLEAPEE

LINCOLN.

6.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGL

Reverse :— † GODING M^o LINGEO Plate, Fig. 2.

7.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGL

Reverse :— † GODINE M^o LINDOL Plate, Fig. 3.

8.—Obverse :—From the same die as No. 7.

Reverse :—From the same die as No. 7.

9.—Obverse :— † EDELREI RE† ANGL

Reverse :— † AINHND M^o LNDDCOL Plate, Fig. 4.

10.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGL

Reverse :— † VNBENG M^o LIND : Plate, Fig. 5.

LONDON.

- 11.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † ÆDESTAN M^{TO} LVN. Plate, Fig. 6.
- 12.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † BYRVNSIGE M^{TO} LVND Plate, Fig. 7.
- 13.—Obverse :— As No. 12.
Reverse :— BYRYHSIGE M^{TO} LVNDO
- 14.—Obverse :— As No. 12.
Reverse :— † BYRVHSIGE M^{TO} LVNDO Plate, Fig. 8.
- 15.—Obverse :— As No. 12.
Reverse :— † GOD M^{TO} LVN·DONI
- 16.—Obverse :— As No. 12.
Reverse :— † LEOFRIC M^{TO} LVNDO
- 17.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRIED REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † ZIBPINE M^{TO} LVNDONI

LYDFORD.

- 18.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † ÆDERED M^{TO} LYDANF Plate, Fig. 9.

ROCHESTER.

- 19.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † S^{IDE}PINE M^{TO} ROFE
- 20.—Obverse :— As No. 19.
Reverse :— † S^{ID}PIN M^{TO} ROFECE

YORK.

- 21.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANLL
 Reverse :— † IΣ VF M^o EFERPIC : • Plate, Fig. 10.
- 22.—Obverse :— As No. 21.
 Reverse :— † ÐORSTAN M^o EFOR

Type II variety, with Divine hand issuing from a sleeve cuff.

YORK.

- 23.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANLL •
 Reverse :— † ALFZTAN M^o EOF Plate, Fig. 11.
- 24.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANLLO
 Reverse :— † COLGRIM M^o EOF Plate, Fig. 12.
- 25.—Obverse :— † EDELRED REX ANLL
 Reverse :— † FROZTVLF M^o EOF

A minute annulet attached to the upper side of the bar surmounting $\bar{\lambda}$ and $\bar{\omega}$.

Type II variety, with bust to *left*.

(Hildebrand, B 1, variety a; *British Museum Catalogue*, ii.)

SHREWSBURY.

- 26.—Obverse :— † ÆDELRED REX ANLLO
 Reverse :— † ÆVIC M^o ΣCROBBES Plate, Fig. 13.

Type III.—Obverse :—Draped bust to right, within inner circle, in front of bust, sceptre, cross pommée.

Reverse :—Divine hand issuing from clouds, between lines curved outwards from cloud, on either side of hand.

(Hildebrand, B 2; *British Museum Catalogue*, ii, variety d.)

EXETER.

- 27.—Obverse :— † ÆDEL RÆD REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † BYRH S IGE MƆ EAXE Plate, Fig. 14.
- 28.—Obverse :— As No. 27, but from a slightly different die.
Reverse :— From the same die as No. 27.

LONDON.

- 29.—Obverse :— † ÆDEL RÆD REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † ELFER[D] MƆ LVND
- 30.—Obverse :— † ÆDEL RÆD REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † ÆDERED MƆ LVND Plate, Fig. 15.
- 31.—Obverse :— † ÆDEL RÆD REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † ÆEVL F MƆ LVN[D]O

LYDFORD.

- 32.—Obverse :— † ÆDEL RÆD REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † GODPINE MƆ LYDAN Plate, Fig. 16.

THETFORD.

- 33.—Obverse :— † ÆDEL RÆD REX ANGLOR
Reverse :— † EADGAR MƆ ðEOTF Plate, Fig. 17.

Type IV.—Obverse :—Similar to type III, sceptre, cross pattée.

Reverse :—Divine hand giving the Latin benediction,
i.e. third and fourth fingers closed ; cross
pattée in clouds.

(Hildebrand, B 3 ; *British Museum Catalogue*, ii,
variety f.)

HAMWIC (Southampton).

34.—Obverse :— † ÆÐELRÆD REX ANĠLOŪ

Reverse :— † ISEĠEL MTO HAMPE Plate, Fig. 18.

Nos. 5, 6, 10, 14, 19, 23 and 24 have a pellet placed in the centre of the "clouds," or upon the sleeve cuff.

A few of the coins are worthy of special mention. The Hamtune coin of Hawkins, 205 (No. 1), so closely resembles the coins of Eadweard the Martyr, that—apart from other evidence—it must have been issued in the early part of Æthelræd's reign. The moneyer, CYLM, was also coining at Hamtune in the two previous reigns. Only one other similar coin of Æthelræd, of the Hamtune mint is known to the writer, and that also is in his cabinet. In the Murdoch Collection (lot 131) was a coin of Hawkins, 205, said to read DVLN MTO HANTVN, but which was probably a misreading of EVLM, or CYLM.

Concerning this moneyer Culm, or Cylm, Mr. Hill (*Numismatic Chronicle*, 1920, pp. 152-3), says :—

Mr. W. H. Stevenson writes as follows :—"Cylm appears to be a shortened form of Cynehelm, Cynelm. A Cylmes-cumb occurs at Harwell, Berks. (Birch, iii, 446, 24 ; 607, 17, from the *Codex Wintoniensis*, c. 1150). Cylmes-gemære, co. Worc., in Kemble, iii, 166, 19, appears in an undated copy of the boundaries in Heming's Chartulary, c. 1100, from which both texts are derived, as Cylemæres-gemære, 355, 6, probably an error due to anticipation of *gemære*. The name Cynemær could hardly appear as Cylmær, and no other known name-stem will explain it. The Cenelmes-stan of a contemporary charter of 949 (Birch, iii, 30, 4) at Welford, Berks, is the Cyman-stan of iii, 147, 20, from the Abingdon Chartulary, c. 1200. Cenelmes-tun, Birch, iii, 305, 2, 18, from the *Cod. Wint.*, is now Kilmeston, Hants. The contraction in compound local names is not the same as in the personal name naturally, but Cynehelm, Cynelm, Cynlm might conceivably yield Cylm, and Cenhelm similarly Celm.

The more probable shortening would be Cyn(e)l. We have not much evidence of O.E. colloquial shortenings, as the names in the written documents naturally appear in most cases in their full forms."

The presence in the hoard of this coin of Hawkins, 205, confirms the evidence of the Chester hoard (*Numismatic Chronicle*, 1920, pp. 141-165), viz., that certain coins of type Hawkins, 205, constituted the first, and not the last, issue of Æthelræd's reign.

The Shrewsbury piece, of type II, with bust to left (No. 26), is a coin of considerable rarity, only four specimens being described by Hildebrand, out of a total of 4,348 coins of Æthelræd III, in the Swedish Royal Cabinet. A nearly similar coin appeared in the Chester hoard (*Numismatic Chronicle*, 1920, p. 162).

The coin of type II, of York mint, with two small amulets on the reverse (No. 25), appears to be a variety hitherto unrecorded, as are also Nos. 6, 7, and 8, Lincoln coins, the reverse type of which combines the "cloud," with the "cuff" variety of type III. The Lincoln coin, No. 9, appears to have been struck from dies of local manufacture.

The "Benediction" coin (No. 34) of the "Hamwic" (Southampton) mint, is a rare piece, a Hamwic coin of this type being hitherto unrecorded. This is also—so far as the writer is aware—the first recorded instance of a Hamwic coin having been found in a British hoard. The moneyer's name was probably Degel, or Dægæl, or possibly Dæghelm (*Codex Diplomaticus*, No. 179; *Cartularium Saxonium*, Nos. 303, 312), and not "Isegel," as it appears upon the coin. A scribal variety of the letter D, was formed thus—*Is*, and if the lower part of a D of this form were not completely closed, it would probably be taken to represent "B", hence the die-sinker's error.

The name Isegel does not occur in any recorded charter or other early document, nor is it given by Searle in his *Onomasticon*, Part II.

The name Dægæl, or Degel, occurs in "Degils-ford," the Anglo-Saxon form of Daylesford, Worcestershire, and is to be found in several charters recorded in *Codex Diplomaticus*.

