

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, 1959

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At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, 27 January 1959, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, the following were elected to Membership of the Society: Miss Rosemary J. Cramp, Miss Joan Ingold, and Mr. H. R. Mossop. The death was announced of Mr. B. Max Mehl, of Fort Worth, Texas, who had been a Member for more than 50 years. The President read a paper entitled 'A Re-assessment of the Uninscribed Gold Coinage of Britain'.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, 24 February, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, the following were elected to Membership of the Society: Sir Frank Merry Stenton (Honorary), Mr. H. C. Curwen, Charlton S. Gedge (Junior), and John Morcom (Junior). Mr. H. S. A. Copinger of the British Museum read a paper on Communion Tokens in the Scottish Churches. Then Mr. R. N. P. Hawkins read a paper on 'Some Minor Products of Nineteenth-Century Die-sinkers'.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, 24 March, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, there were no elections. Mr. D. M. Metcalf read a paper on behalf of Mr. R. H. M. Dolley and himself entitled 'The Mysterious Affair at Kingsholm' in which he gave reasons for associating the known preponderance of West Country mints among the coins of the Quatrefoil type of Cnut in the British Museum at the end of the eighteenth century with a contemporary reference to a hoard of unspecified Saxon pennies unearthed at Kingsholm, Gloucestershire.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, 28 April, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, the following were elected to Membership of the Society: Messrs. C. A. Chilvers, F. R. Cooper, and S. G. Rowe, and as a Junior Member R. A. Reeves. Two papers on pennies of the Edward I period were read. Mr. G. L. V. Tatler submitted on behalf of Mr. P. Woodhead a paper, 'Notes on Edward I pence struck between 1291 and 1300'. Mr. R. H. M. Dolley read, on behalf of Mr. Tatler and himself, a paper entitled 'The Whittenstall Treasure Trove'.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, 26 May, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, the following were elected to Junior Membership: Thomas William Mahony Jaine and John Martin Webbon. Mr. C. S. S. Lyon read a paper entitled 'The Æthelræd types of Cnut recorded in Hildebrand'.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, 23 June, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, Mr. R. R. Rekofski was elected to

Membership. In accordance with Chapter XX of the then rules the President gave notice that revised rules had been drawn up by Council and would be voted on at the Anniversary Meeting. These revised rules included an increase in the annual subscription rates for both Ordinary and Junior Members. Mr. R. H. M. Dolley read a paper entitled 'The Agnus Dei type of Æthelræd II', in which he described and illustrated all the known specimens of this type.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, 22 September, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, there were elected to Membership of the Society Mr. J. H. Mulholland and to Junior Membership P. H. Robinson. The main business of the evening was devoted to a symposium on continental coins found in England.

At an Ordinary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Tuesday, 27 October, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, the following were elected to Membership of the Society: to Ordinary Membership, Miss V. J. Butler; to Junior Membership, A. Akers-Douglas, M. B. Sharp, and J. D. Wheeler. Dr. J. P. C. Kent read a paper entitled 'From Roman Britain to Saxon England', in the course of which he reviewed the coinages of barbarous radiates and minims and demonstrated that these issues were contemporary with their prototypes and could not be assigned to the Dark Ages.

At the Anniversary Meeting held at the Warburg Institute on Monday, 30 November, Mr. D. F. Allen, President, in the chair, the following were elected to Membership of the Society: Mr. Henry B. Pedersen, Flt.-Lt. J. S. R. Salmond, Mr. R. Taylor, and The Curator, Grosvenor Museum, Chester; to Junior Membership, M. E. Driver and D. Jones. The following Officers were elected for 1960:

President: D. F. Allen, B.A., F.S.A.

Vice-Presidents: A. E. Bagnall; C. E. Blunt, O.B.E., F.S.A.; G. V. Doubleday; H. H. King, M.A.; E. J. Winstanley, L.D.S.

Director: R. H. M. Dolley, B.A., F.S.A.

Secretary: C. S. S. Lyon, B.A., F.I.A.

Treasurer: P. H. Vernon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Librarian: J. P. C. Kent, B.A., Ph.D.

Council: J. M. Ashby, M.A.; E. Burstal, M.A., M.D.; P. Grierson, M.A., F.B.A., F.S.A.; Sir Francis Hill, C.B.E., M.A., Litt. D., Ll.M., F.S.A.; Major C. W. Lister, R.A.; C. W. Peck, F.P.S.; J. C. Pollard, M.A.; J. Porteous, B.A.; H. Schneider; B. H. I. H. Stewart, B.A., F.S.A. (Scot.); G. L. V. Tatler.

The President, Mr. D. F. Allen, then delivered the Presidential Address.

EXHIBITIONS

Session 1959

February

By Mr. Owen Parsons on behalf of the Gloucester City Museum:

1. Original steel die for the reverse of a Gloucester City farthing token

1667. The die reads: THOMAS • PRICE • MAIOR • 1667, in centre C G.
2. Gloucester City farthing token 1667, the reverse struck from the above die. BW 80.
 3. Old sealing-wax impression of reverse die, No. 1 above.
 4. Old sealing-wax impression of obverse die for No. 2, the pair to No. 1. (This die is not now known.)
 5. Gloucester City farthing token 1669. BW 81.
 6. Old sealing-wax impression of the obverse die for the above. (This die is not now known.)
 7. Farthing token AT • THE • NEGS • HEAD (A horse's head) IN • GLOUCESTER • 1654. $\begin{matrix} \cdot C \cdot \\ I \cdot A \end{matrix}$ BW 83.
 8. Old sealing-wax impression of the obverse die for the above. (This die is not now known.)
 9. Old sealing-wax impression of the reverse die for the above. (This die is not now known.)

April

By Dr. J. P. C. Kent, on behalf of the Keeper of Coins and Medals, British Museum:

Eight half-crowns from the Laughton, Sussex, Treasure Trove, recently unearthed and containing 505 coins, mostly half-crowns, of the period from Philip and Mary to the Commonwealth.

By Mr. D. G. Liddell:

A Henry IV heavy noble, weight $117\frac{1}{2}$ grains, from the recent 'Friends of Winchester Cathedral' sale, and a light noble for comparison. It is an unrecorded specimen, being the nineteenth example of the heavy-coinage nobles. The obverse has the normal crescent on the rudder and is Type 1a, similar to no. 4 in Mr. Blunt's list in his article on these coins in *B.N.J.* xxiv. The reverse reads MEDIVM ILLORVM and has a fleur-de-lis over the head of the lion in the second quarter, although this is weakly struck. This characteristic is found only on Type 2, so the coin is a mule of Types 1a/2. The only other specimen of this mule recorded is the one in the Ashmolean Museum. It is hoped to illustrate this coin in the next number of the *Journal*.

June

By Mr. B. H. I. H. Stewart:

Robert III Edinburgh half-groat of the 2nd issue. Query X stops on obverse (unrecorded for half-groat, but this coin has epigraphic and ornamental affinities with the X-stop groats). +ROBEBTVS X (?)DEI •••• (Pl. XXVIII, 12).