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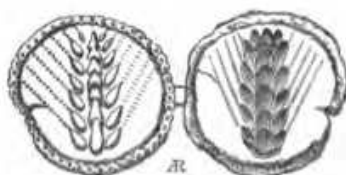
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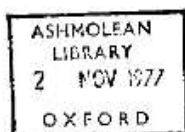
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An endeavor has been made, as far as practicable, to give exact representations of the peculiar forms or positions of various letters as they occur in some of the inscriptions, and these portions of many inscriptions, which are illegible on particular specimens, have frequently been given in full, the supplied letters being placed within brackets.

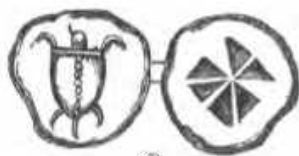
Special care has also been exercised to state the dates of the various reigns; the names, titles and surnames of each ruler, many of which are perpetuated on their coins, and to give in connection with them the year in which they were first adopted or the period during which they were used. The date of the issue of many coins may in this way be approximately stated, and with a degree of exactness which is sufficient for most purposes of historical study.

These details have greatly increased the labor attendant upon the publication of the catalogue, but it is believed that all of them will serve to make it more valuable, and enhance its usefulness as a book of reference to all those who are interested in numismatics or archæology.

YALE COLLEGE, June, 1880.

J. E.





PREFACE.

THE early history of the numismatic collection was given in the preface of the catalogue, published under the supervision of the late Henry Champion in 1863. It has been thought best to repeat here the essential facts of that history, and for this purpose the following extracts have been made from that publication :

For many years previous to 1860 there were a few coins belonging to Yale College, which were deposited in Trumbull Gallery, in glass cases, with little attempt at order or arrangement. It is from this nucleus that our present collection has arisen, by the aid of a few purchases and of donations from persons interested in the subject. This original collection, marked "Yale Coll." in the Catalogue, was a curious one, consisting mainly of old pieces, generally rather rare, and a few of the commonest modern coins. As there was no catalogue of it, most of the pieces have been credited from recollection.

The gem of that cabinet, as well as of the present, is the NEW ENGLAND THREE-PENCE. For a long time supposed unique, its value is not lessened by the recent discovery of a similar piece in Boston, which puts the genuineness of the issue beyond a doubt.

In 1854 Mr. Thomas H. Johns, of Canandaigua, N. Y., left by will a sum of money to Yale College, and in part payment thereof the Corporation consented to take a collection of between seven and eight hundred miscellaneous coins. These are marked "Johns" in the catalogue. Upon receiving them, some better location seemed desirable, and a cabinet was made capable of holding about six thousand coins, and placed in the College Library.

In 1860 the collection was arranged by Mr. F. P. Brewer, and at first increased quite rapidly from contributions. Mrs. A. R. Street gave a very large collection of foreign coins. C. W. Bradley, Esq., of New Haven, late U. S. Consul at Ning-po, China, also increased this department, giving many large silver pieces. Many others made contributions, but as it has been impossible to place the name of the donor against the proper coin in every case, some of them are marked "Unknown."

The collection having increased to nearly 3000 pieces, including some duplicates, it has been thought desirable to publish a catalogue of them. Three objects have been aimed at in issuing it.

1st. We have attempted to give such a description of each coin as to distinguish it from others of a similar character, and also to help collectors in the arrangement and study of their own coins.

2d. We have taken this as the most practicable way of expressing our thanks to the donors, and assuring them that their gifts are appreciated and preserved.

3d. We have desired to bring the collection more generally to the notice of numismatists and others, in order that they may know wherein it is wanting, and that those so disposed may have an opportunity of adding to its usefulness. The study of coins as aids and illustrations of History and the Arts is daily better appreciated, and there can be no place better fitted for the preservation of a collection for that purpose than a college library. Already its use has been manifest here, and were the collection more complete it would be of greater service. Doubtless many of our friends have small collections of coins which they would be glad to see deposited in some safe and permanent place, but which are now in danger of being lost. We shall be glad to receive any donations, and each piece will be recorded with the name of the donor. Any one desirous of helping us can bring or send donations to the College Library, where they will be taken care of. Lately a few dollars each year have been expended, by vote of the Corporation, when a good opportunity has offered, principally upon ancient coins, but the College must depend mainly on free-will offerings, as there is no fund for the purpose.

The catalogue, then published, was a general one of the whole collection, and described 2402 specimens. This was followed about two years later by a supplement of four pages, prepared by Prof. Fisk P. Brewer, giving a list of the additions which had been made to the ancient coins in the collection between August, 1863, and February, 1865. The present publication describes the Greek and Roman coins now in possession of the college, with the exception of twenty-four Greek coins which have been received, as gifts, since that portion of the catalogue to which they properly belonged has been printed. The tabulated statement herewith appended exhibits the great increase in the size of the collection;—a growth which has been so marked that this one department now contains more specimens than the whole numismatic cabinet did at the time when the previous catalogue was issued.

	<i>Former Catalogue.</i>	<i>Supplement.</i>	<i>Present Catalogue.</i>
Greek coins of cities, autononomous series, &c.,	84	14	498
Greek regnal,	23	31	324
Greek colonial imperial,	27	17	386
	114	68	1208
Roman, early and family,	109	6	136
Roman imperial,	324	48	1700
Roman Byzantine,	40		284
	473	54	2120
Total,	587	117	3328

As giving a further indication of the character of this section of the numismatic collection, showing its fullness as well as its deficiencies, the following table has been prepared in which the metals, of which the coins are composed, serve as the basis of the division.

	<i>Gold.</i>	<i>Electrum.</i>	<i>Silver.</i>	<i>Copper, &c.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Greek coins of cities, autononomous series, &c.,	1	1	166	330	498
Greek regnal,			130	194	324
Greek colonial imperial,			7	379	386
Roman, early and family,			118	18	136
Roman imperial,	4		321	1361	1686
Roman Byzantine,	12		2	284	298
Total,	17	1	745	2566	3328

Dependent largely for its increase upon donations, the general collection has also received considerable additions; some of its departments exhibiting great gains, while others show only a small number of additional specimens. To our many friends who, by their contributions and assistance, have aided in bringing about this result, the thanks of the college are gratefully rendered. Especial mention should be made here of the late Dr. Andrew T. Pratt who, while living in his distant home at Constantinople, sent a number of valuable pieces, and at his death bequeathed to the college his entire collection numbering 1108 specimens of the Greek and Roman

coinages, which possess much of historic interest, and of which many are in a fine state of preservation. The interest of Dr. Pratt, in the growth of the collection of his Alma Mater, was further evinced by his willingness to make purchases for it, and many of the coins, thus credited in the following pages, were acquired through his instrumentality and at very reasonable rates.

Among others who have made liberal gifts to the collection since the publication of the last catalogue, may be mentioned the names of William P. Bacon, 423 coins; O. W. Betts, 1303 tokens, medals and coins; Rev. J. P. Brown, 59 Greek and Roman coins; Henry Champion, 1412 Roman, United States and German coins and U. S. tokens; Rev. Oliver Crane, 484 ancient coins; Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, 3095 Chinese coins; Prof. O. C. Marsh, between 300 and 400 coins, many of them German; Matthew D. Mann, 86 coins; George D. Miller, 215 miscellaneous pieces; N. H. Numismatic Society's collection, 192 pieces; Charles Page, 208 coins, many of which are South American; Lieut. Commander H. B. Robeson, 398 Chinese and Japanese coins; Eugene Schuyler, 62 Persian, Parthian and Russian coins; W. W. Stone, 65 United States coins; Rev. T. C. Trowbridge, 197 Greek and Roman coins; Prof. A. M. Wheeler, 70 modern coins.

The entire collection is now systematically arranged; the name of each donor being written upon the label which belongs to the special coin it describes. In those cases where two persons have given the same coin, one (so labelled) has been placed in the collection, and the other or others have been put among the duplicates which will be disposed of from time to time, as opportunity offers, in such a way as to advance the best interests of the collection. It has been with the object in view of calling the reader's attention to the many advantages which accrue to the college, from the possession of such a collection and the benefits to be derived from its published catalogue, that some of the foregoing extracts, from the previous work, have been reprinted in this.

In the arrangement of the Greek coins the geographical system of Eckhel has been followed, and the catalogue describes specimens of the coinage of at least 26 countries and 160 towns of the ancient world. Under the various places have also been included such coins as were issued by them while they were subject to the rule of the Roman emperors. These are designated by the terms of *imperial* or *colonial imperial*, in distinction from the types of the regular regal series. The denominations of the Greek silver coins have been omitted, as in many instances it is uncertain to which class special coins belong, and in the case of others, as the tetradrachms and drachms, the weight and the size of each will determine its name with sufficient clearness.

Of specimens of the coinage of the early Romans the collection is lamentably deficient, but 82 different Roman families and 175 emperors,