

Minutes
of THE NUMISMATIC
SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

Minutes of General Meeting held at Furlong's rooms
on Tuesday evening February 22nd 1916.

Present

Mess^{rs} F. Gardner (chairman), J. F. Whellan,
J. Spry, J. Mills, H. A. Fisher, J. Schaper
& E. H. Anthony.

Visitors - Rev. H. Lane - (President Philatelic
Society of Victoria).

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Apology.

A letter was read from the President, A. A.
Andrews, regretting his inability to be present
& apologising for same.

Letters

The sub-editor of the "Age" also wrote stating
that he found it impossible to send a reporter to
the meeting & asking for a report to be furnished
for publication.

Welcome to
visitors

The chairman in a few happy words welcomed
the visitors, Rev. H. Lane, President of a
kindred Society.

The Committee's annual report was read & adopted.

Notices of
Motions.

Mr F. Gardner proposed the following motion of which he had given notice at last meeting:-

"That the Parliamentary authorities be seen respecting the Royal Order for the Cataloguing of the Medals of Australia, other than War Medals"

After being seconded - Considerable discussion took place & it was finally decided by agreement with the movers, that the motion be postponed for a month to allow of further information being obtained as to the Scope of the work already done by the N. S. Wales Government.

Mr E. S. Anthony then moved the motion notified at last meeting by him

"That the Museum authorities be approached with a view to having the Museum numismatic Collection Exhibited".

This was seconded, & after some discussion, Carried.

Election of
Officers.

The Election of officers for the following year was then proceeded with & resulted as follows.

President - Mr Arthur Andrews of Albany.
Vice Presidents - F. Gardner Esq. Collins St
Wm Howard Esq. William St.

Election of
officers

Secretary & Treasures, E. S. Anthony - Northcote

Members of Council - Messrs. R. L. Fisher, J. Mills & J. Schaper

Official Expert. S. E. Whellams Esq of Middlebright

The thanks of the Society were tendered to all retiring officers.

Balance Sheet

The Treasurer's Balance sheet showing a credit balance, after payment of all liabilities, of 1874 was read & adopted.

President's
address.

The Chairman then read an address written by the President on "the use of a Nomenclature Society", which was much appreciated by all present. A vote of thanks was tendered to the President for his address.

Visitors
remarks.

At this stage Rev H. Lane thanked the Chairman & members for their kindly welcome & in a few happy words wished the Society every success.

Exhibition
of
specimens

A feature of the evening was the excellent display of specimens by various members. It is impossible to record all the items exhibited by some of the rarities were as follows:-

By the Vice President - J. Gardner Esq., - a collection of Eastern pieces including knife, key, breeches money, of China

By J. E. Whellams Esq., a fine lot of Saxon, Early English, & rare Greek & Roman coins

By J. Spry Esq., some fine commemorative medals of Australia

also early Spanish

By A. A. Fisher Esq., a collection of English tokens, silver & copper, as well as English gold coins.

By F. Schaper - a valuable collection of War Medals - British & Foreign.

Exhibition of
Specimens

By E. S. Anthony - Some numismatic records of Tasmania
Van Diemen's Land, both in metal & paper.

By E. T. Crouch (W. Gamber) Commemorative European medals.

After a short conversation the meeting concluded.

By R. J. Steffenon - a fine specimen of a fine obituary
seal

Confirmed

Wm. Howat

Chairman

Minutes of Meeting held at Deane's Chambers, Collins St
Melbourne on Tuesday evening 21st March.

Present. Mess^{rs} L. Gardner (in the chair) H. A. Fisher,
J. E. Whellams. & E. S. Anthony.

The report of the Annual meeting was received.

Correspondence. Letters were read from Mr. L. Spry - & from
the President Dr. A. Andrews & were received.
It was decided to thank both the gentlemen for
their Courtesy & advice

Reports. The following reports were received & read -
January & February meetings of the Australian
Humismatic Society
November meeting of the British Humismatic Society
Special interest attached to one of those from Sydney
containing a description of 2 unaltered tokens
of Australia as well as of several locally issued
& designed medals.

An account for postage & petty amounts of 3/6
has passed for payment & the Secretary was authorised
to purchase a file for the Society's Correspondence.

Research
work &

The Chairman urged the necessity for securing new members & several were mentioned as probable to join. He also drew attention of members to the need for research work, mentioning several avenues for attention & study.

The plans & ideas suggested by the President in his letter were then discussed, viz - ① affiliation or closer union with the geographical & Historical Societies of the City ② the securing of the dies of Australian Tokens & medals still existent.

The general feeling was that both suggestions were excellent & that judicious inquiries be made by various members towards bringing these plans to fruition in the near future.

Mr H. A. Fisher notified his willingness to give his paper on the "decimal coinage" at the June meeting & Mr Gardner hoped to be able to arrange a combined meeting of the Historical & our Societies in July, when he would read his paper on the paper money of Australia.

It was decided that in future all exhibits at meetings be accompanied by a written description, for record purposes in the minutes.

Mention was made that one of the members, Mr L. G. Whellans, has been honoured by having the first instalment of his Catalogue of Australian tokens inserted in Spinks Numismatic Circular.

Mr Whellans also exhibited specimens of the Russia war money recently issued in the form of style similar to postage stamps.

10 Kopees blue
15 do mauve
20 do green

These are issued on very thick paper perforated. & printed on the back.

Confirmed

W. H. L. G.

Chairman

A meeting of the Society was convened for 16th May 1916 but owing to the poor attendance of members it was decided to postpone same until 23rd inst.

On 23rd May 1916 the postponed monthly meeting was held at Debnold Chambers Collins St Melbourne

Present:- Mess^{rs} F Gardner (in the chair) J E Whellans,
* E Anthony.

Minutes It was decided to defer the reading & confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting until a fuller meeting of members.

Correspondence. Letters were read & received from the following
The President (Dr Andrew) - Mess^{rs} A L Chitty -
The Secretary Historical Society & H. R. J. Shepperson.

Paper Mr Chitty's paper which was to have been read was held over till a future meeting.

A general discussion occupied the whole of the evening & the hope was expressed that members would show more interest in their Society by more frequent attendance
continued
Chairman

Minutes of Meeting held at Detmold Chambers on
Tuesday 20th June 1916. at 8 p.m.

Present: Mess^{rs} J. Gardner (chair) L. E. Williams. J. Mills
F. Schaper & H. A. Fisher
Visitors - Mesdames Hefferman & Lewis.

Correspondence: - Letters were read from Dr Andrews (President)
Mr. H. Chitty & a report from the Trust Numismatic
Society was also presented to the meeting.

A/c passed - An account for postages & fretties amounting to
4/- was passed for payment.

New members - No new members were nominated - but several
prospective names were mentioned.

Deeds of tokens - The matter of interviewing the owners & holders of deeds
of tokens was left in the hands of Vice President J. Gardner
& the Secretary to make judicious enquiries as to
procuring same for the Society.

Mr Gardner stated that at the request of the Historical
Society, the Combined meeting planned for July had been
postponed till August.

Paper on
Victorian
Commemorative
medals.

A very interesting paper by A. Chitty Esq. (numismatist to the Adelaide Museum) on the "Commemorative Medals of Victoria" was then read by the Secretary. The paper was instructive & informative, & created a good deal of interest, although several medals that the writer had not included in his list were referred to by members. A practical outcome of the paper was a proposal made by Mr. Fisher that the Society form a Collection of Australian medals, as these objects have a historical value as well as being interesting to Numismatists. Mr. Schaper seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed to. Several members offered to donate specimens to form a nucleus, whilst another member promised a temporary display case for the collection. The Secretary was asked to write & thank Mr. Chitty for his paper.

End of
meeting

The next meeting was appointed to be held on Tuesday 18th July 1916.

A very interesting series of Exhibits was on view during the evening of which the following is a summary

Exhibits

By J^r H. Schäfer

Silver coin of Afghanistan

Copper Byzantine coin.

By H. J. Mills:-

Calder token

James II. Irish halfpenny.

George III shilling 1813.

George IV 1/4 dollar Mauritius (1822)

Crown piece (old head) Queen Victoria 1848.

medals - Marriage medal of Queen Victoria & Albert 1840

Commemorative medal Osaka Exhibition 1903.

N.Z. Exhibition medal Otago 1898 &c.

By F. Gardner:

Victorian medals to illustrate several mentioned
in Mr. Phillips paper

* This concluded a very interesting evening.

* By R. J. Hefferman - a fine specimen of a line 1/- - several Edward II from
variety of Continental electrotypes & coins

conferred

H. J. Mills
18/7/16 Chairman

Minutes of Meeting held at Debnold Chambers on Tuesday
18th July 1916 at 8 p.m.

* After the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting
Correspondence was read from Messrs. A. Chitty & W. Horrad.
A report from the Australian Numismatic Society was received & read.

* Present: Messrs. F. Gardner (chair) J. E. Williams, A. H. Fisher
J. Schaper C. S. Anthony. An apology was received
from Mr. J. Mills.

Accounts passed. An account for postage 1/- was passed for payment.

Letters of
Condolence It was decided to confirm the action of the Secretary in
having sent letters of condolence to Vice President W. Horrad
& our late member W. W. Hall sympathising with them in
their recent bereavements.

Report on
Colln. in
Adelaide
Museum

Mr. Gardner presented a newspaper article from the
Adelaide Register of June 29. 1916 Commenting very
favourably on the Excellent numismatic Collection of the Adelaide
Museum in charge of A. Chitty Esq.

Taken
dies

The Secretary reported that he had interviewed the owner
(Mr. Warburton) of some taken dies, & that he had refused
to part with them at any price.

Donation of
Casts of
Medals

Mr Whellams presented to the Society a framed set of
Casts of ^{Sydney} Australian medals prepared from the dies in
the possession of Mr Mills. They comprised the following
Town Hall Sydney - G.P.O. Sydney
Sydney University - Suspension Bridge North Sydney
St. Mary's Cathedral Sydney

These casts have been remarkably well taken & finished &
the Society's thanks were tendered to Mr Whellams for the gift
& for the trouble he had taken.

"The Exhibition of English half crowns by members" which
was the item for the evening was then introduced & proved
to be of exceeding interest -

Mr Whellams exhibited a complete set representing the
reigns from James I to William II and including
a Scottish ~~XXX~~ pence piece of Charles I

Mr Gardner showed a Charles I. with Star on reverse
Mr Fisher

Mr Schäfers



Bell

all of these were from the Tower mint

Mr Fisher's "fun money" specimen of 1689 James II created
considerable attention.

William, William Mary, Anne & the forged were all
represented by the various members - many of the ^{pieces} specimens
being in excellent condition

Notes & comments on the various specimens were made by those present.

Mr Schepers also exhibited a good example of the First International Exhibition Commemorative Medal of N.S.W. 1879.

And Mr. Gardner shewed a splendid gold 2 pagoda piece of gold together with a medal presented to the rejected volunteers for Active Service, by the Federal Government.

Confirmed

25/10/16 Thos. Ross
Chairman

The August Monthly Meeting of the Society was held in conjunction with the Historical Society of Victoria at the Melbourne Town Hall ^{Committee Room} on 20th inst. The innovation proved a great success.

About 50 ladies & gentlemen were present, Mr H. Gyles Turner occupying the chair. The Chairman briefly extended a very hearty welcome to our Society.

After reading of the minutes & the usual routine business, Mr. J. Gardner (Vice President of our Society) was called upon to read his paper on "the early paper money of Australia"; this proved to be both interesting & informative. Each state of the former wealth was touched upon and the great amount of research involved was very evident in the excellent paper produced. The evening's topic was considerably enhanced by a unique collection of specimens illustrating the subject shown by Dr. Pelland, who also opened the discussion that followed.

A number of members of both societies spoke to the paper, the personal recollections of the days when the early paper money were current making some of the speeches doubly interesting. A number of additional exhibits were on view & attracted considerable comment and questioning at the close.

It is to be hoped that this combined meeting of the allied societies will be the forerunner of many others, the only regret being that so many of our provincial members are prevented from participating, by distance.

It is the intention of the Historical Society to publish Mr. Gardner's paper, & when available, members will be furnished with copies.

Meeting of the Numismatic Society held on Tuesday
26th September 1916 at 237 Collins St Melbourne.

Present: Messrs G. Gardiner H. A. Fisher, J. Schäfer E. S. Anthony.

owing to the inclemency of the night the attendance ^{was} smaller than usual.
Arapology was received from Mr S. E. Whellams who was unable to
attend.

It was decided to dispense with any formal business - and
members were at once invited to exhibit any new specimens that
had been recently acquired & had not been previously exhibited at the
meetings.

Mr. H. A. Fisher showed:

2 splendid examples of Scotch Silver pennies

Mundy set in Excellent condition of George I.

A fine assortment of Roman Silver & Bronze of various dates.

Mr. J. Schäfer exhibited

2 fine Hohenau Silver coins in fine preservation

an ancient seal said to have been found during excavations in Egypt

Mr. E. S. Anthony had on view

Charles I crown & 2 halfcrowns in first class state

Taken G. bylands of Castlemaine

An Australian "dunk" (in poor condition)

and a large bronze Exhibition medal in case - (American)

The usual discussion & conversation closed the meeting 81/10/16

Minutes of Meeting held at Furlong's Rooms Bourke St.
on Tuesday 31st October 1916.

Present: Messrs L. Gardner (in the Chair) W. Horvat, H. A. Fisher,
S. E. Whellans, J. Schaps & C. S. Anthony.
also as visitors - Rev H. Lane, E. E. Walker, W. Clarkson
A. Doune, J. Boyes & several others.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read & confirmed.

Two reports from the Australian Nominative Society were laid on
the table. A apology from Rev Dr. Abrahamson (Jewish Rabbi) for
inability to attend was received.

An account for expenses - rent of room, a desk & postage amount
to £1-6-1 was passed for payment.

Mr Fisher moved & Mr. Schaps seconded the nomination of Mr. A. Doune
as a new member of the Society.

The Chairman at this stage extended a welcome to the visitors & called
upon Mr. Horvat to read his paper, entitled "My Jewish Gains."

aper on
ewish
ains.

Mr Horat prepared his paper by stating that the preparation
of it was due to Mr Whellams who able assistance & expert
knowledge he gladly acknowledged. The paper dealt
chiefly with the period of Biblical history & was illustrated with
30 examples from his own collection - many of them in remarkably
good condition.

At its conclusion Mr Whellams read some notes on later Jewish
coinage than the period dealt with by Mr Horat.

A number of members & visitors entered into the discussion which
followed - numerous questions being asked & answers checked from
the 2 gentlemen concerned.

The visitors present were principally responsible for the exhibition
of specimens which followed, & amongst which were noted
a Hellenistic specimen obtained from Egypt during the Sudan
campaign.

a collection of paper money - amongst which was discovered
the following issue -

G. H. Lloyd & Co. Sydney 1857 - £1. payable 1 day after sight.

Fourpenny token - Hindmarsh Hotel. Adelaide.

Despite the very wet night the meeting was the best attended &
most successful held for some time.

Confirmed

W. H. W. W.

5/12/16.

Chairman

Minutes of Meeting held at Detmold Chambers
on Tuesday evening 5th December 1916.

Present: Messrs F. Gardner (in the chair) H. A. Fisher, J. Schäpe,
A. Donne & E. S. Anthony.

Apologies were received from Messrs W. Howard & J. E. Williams.

Correspondence: A Letter was read from H. E. Priestley of Sydney & a
report from the Street Nomenclature Society was tabled;
an ap. for 5/3 was passed for payment.

Election of:
Members Mr A. Donne who was nominated at the last meeting
was duly elected a member of the Society & was welcomed
by the Chairman.

Presentations:
Mr J. Schäpe presented ^{to the Society} on behalf of the donors - Messrs
H. Newman & Son a very fine bronze medal issued
for the first Womens Work Exhibition of 1907 - designed
& struck by the firm mentioned. It was decided that
a letter of thanks be sent to the donors for the generosity
Mr H. A. Fisher also donated to the Society's collection
a medal in white metal to commemorate the marriage
of Prince Edward of Wales & Princess Alexandra of Denmark
on March 10th 1863. The medal was struck in
commemoration of the event in Victoria.

Paper read
on
the milled
coinage of
England

The Secretary then read a paper which had
been published in England by J. J. J. on the
milled coinage of England commencing with the
first specimens struck under this process in the
reign of Elizabeth up to the present day.

Specimens to illustrate the paper were on view from
the cabinets of W. Howard Esq & E. S. Anthony.
An interesting discussion followed - most of those
present taking part.

Exhibition of
specimens.

Mr. G. Schaper showed a specimen of the Tasmanian
"Cessation of Transportation medal" - a set of silver
chickens of Barbancore.

Mr. H. A. Fisher an Irish halfpenny of William IV
Mr. A. Donne - Some fine specimens of George III copper
coinage

Conformed
Thos. Auer
22/1/77 Chairman

Minutes of Meeting held at Debnolt Chambers on Tuesday evening
23rd
13th Jan'y 1917.

Present :- Messrs J. Gardner (Chair), J. Spry, E. E. Williams, H. D. D. D.
Shills & E. Anthony

An apology was received from Mr. H. D. Fisher.

Minutes of last ^{meeting} were read & confirmed.

Correspondence. A letter was read from Messrs H. Newman & Co.
relative to issue of medals.

Reports of an interesting nature were read & tabled from
the Australian N. Socy & the British N. Socy.

A check passed.
An account for petty expenses amounting to 10/- was passed
for payment.

Proposed by E. S. Anthony Secy by E. E. Williams that Mr.
D. Raymond of Letchford be nominated as a new member.

New members
Subscription
With reference to Subscription of a new member who had
joined at last meeting, it was decided that the Subscription
of such member be not charged for this year as the end of the year
is so close, but he be granted full privileges of membership notwithstanding.

General business
Under the heading of general business - several notes by
members were discussed, included in which was the meaning
of "legal tender", a newspaper cutting re design of new British notes.

Annual meeting
The date of arrangements for the Annual Meeting were left in
the hands of the Vice-president J. Gardner & the Secretary.
It was decided that invitations to the same Societies as were

issued last year, be again issued, with the addition of the Arts & Crafts Socy
the 1st. Note printer, Messrs Stokes Bros & Messrs A Newman & Son

Nominations
for
officers

The following nominations for the ensuing year were received -

President: Mr. Frank Gardner

Vice Presidents: Mr. V. Howard

Mr. A. Andrews

Secretary & Treasurer, Mr. L. Anthony

Official Expert: Mr. L. E. Williams

Council members, Messrs F. Spry, T. A. Fisher

J. Schaper, W. Mills & A. Dornier

~~In the~~ ^{An} Exhibition of specimens was decided upon for the Annual
gathering & members were requested to make it as representative
& as attractive as possible.

Amongst the evenings exhibits were noted the following:-

by Mr. J. W. Mills - George III. 6. Hunger! & Victor's coat &c

Mr. F. Gardner - tokens by Jones (Gallant) & Taylor (Wheatheaf) Melbourne
& battle of Bull Run medal.

Mr. L. Anthony - British West Africa! German East Africa & re-
gionary coin of Mare. Antony B.C. 32. with galley & rowers.

Confirmed by

Chairman

24/2/17