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**Members news.**

James Silver (5) will be returning from Israel to the USA in June. Mr. Les Riches (162) is still looking for details of Kotavala coins. Mr. Stuart Munro-Hay of the School of Oriental and African Studies (London University) is preparing a thesis on the History of Aksum and would like to contact anyone possessing a collection of Axumite coins. Mr. Husch (125), whose death was noted in the last Newsletter, was an engineer who had been collecting coins for 49 years. His study of Turkish coins, commenced while working for some years in Anatolia and augmented by studies of Ottoman coins in the Istanbul, Munich, London and Paris Museums, will be published under the title 'Munzprägungen des Osmanischen Reiches under der Turkischen'. A group of members interested in Indian coinage spent an enjoyable afternoon at Mr. D. Chandaria's (8) home in London on May 15 th. and met Dr. P.L. Gupta (507), before his return to India.

**The Indian Numismatic Dealers Association.**

19, Golaghat, KANPUR 208004 (phone 62766)

This is a new association with an annual membership subscription of 25 rupees (+ admission 15 Rs). For further details contact the Secretary, B.S. Sengar, at the above address.

**ONS Accounts.**

Our Treasurer, Vic Brown, reports another satisfactory financial year. Accounts to the 31st. March 1976 are available from him (5p + SAE or International Reply coupon).

**Occasional Papers.**

Richard Wright's paper, cited in the last NL., is now on its way to members. A paper by Nicholas Rhodes on 'The Coinage of Bhutan' will be ready in July.

**International Numismatic Commission.**

Compte Rendu 22 (1975) is now available and includes details of Numismatic Research in progress and of Numismatic teaching in Universities. Details from the Secretary, Otto Morkholm, Cabinet Royale des Médailles, Musée National, Frederiksholms Kanal 12, DK - 1220, Copenhagen K, Denmark.

**What is it ?**

Information is sought on the following coins by Mr. K. Wiggins (4).

AE. 253 - 256 grains (16.4 - 16.6 gms).

Obverse inscription appears to be :-

Date may be AH 1244 = 1828/29 AD

or Fasli era = 1834 AD

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Coin 3 has a different inscription :-

No date.

Perhaps our Indian members may be able to assist?

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**“Lost”**

Pat Hogan has ‘lost’ the following US members, mainly military personnel, who have changed address. Anyone knowing their whereabouts please contact Pat Hogan (or ask them to do so) :- Louis A. Demers, W. David Cogan, Owen T. Merwin, Ronald A. Stout, David L. Hagen, George J. Drake.

### Recent Publications.

*S. Album*, Coins of Abu Sa'id, NI Bulletin Feb. 1976

*S. Lachman*, The silver 20 Para coin of Abdul Mejid, Spink's NC. May 1976, 185

*V. H. Lacy*, Coinage of the Mughals, Indian Native States and East India Company, J. of OIN, X no. 1, 1976, 5-6.

*S. LeLacheur*, Ancient Coinage of Siam, NI Bulletin Feb. 1976.

*J. E. Lenker*, The Besa story, Emperor Haile Selassie's emergency coin, California Coin News, XXX, Spring 1976, 40-42.

*N. M. Lowick*, A forgery of the Hetum/Kaikhusru Tram, Spink's NC. June 1976, 233.

*K. M. MacKenzie*, Akches of Muhammed II (Second reign), a hoard of the first issue dated 855, Spink's NC. June 1976, 231-3.

*Numismatic Literature* no. 95 was published by the ANS in March 1976 and contains a number of references to publications of Oriental interest.

*Paruck, F. D. J.*, Sassanian Coins. A 1976 reprint is available from K. P. Bagchi and Co., 286 B. B. Ganguli St., Calcutta 700 012.

*P. Snartt*, The rarity of East India Company coins (continued), Seaby's C & M Bull., June 1976, 197-200.

*N. Du Quesne-Bird*, The Turkish Coinage of the Caucasus 1723-1735, Spink's NC. May 1976, 192-193.

*W. O. West*, Coins of the Shogun's Chamberlain, California Coin news XXX, no. 2, Spring 1976, 36-7.  
(the Go momme gin of 1765-72.)

*R. Wright*, The Szechuan rupee, Coins and Medals, April 1976.

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### IRANIAN NUMISMATICS

(A survey of books recently published in Iran)

C. S. Barron

All the books except one are in Persian. The exception is Rabino de Borgomale's work which is a reprint of the 1951 edition with a biography of Rabino, corrections and an index in Persian. Most of the books mentioned below are in print; those which have gone out of print are indicated (this information is correct as of June 1975). Considerable difficulty may be experienced in obtaining these books; the best method is by personal contacts in Iran who can find out whether any book is still in print or not. However, the relatively low prices make them good buys in these days of high prices (NB. £ 1-00 = approx. 120 rials)

1967

Malikzade BAYANI, تاریخ سکه از قدیمترین ازمه تا دوره اشکانیان

(A History of coins from the earliest times to the Parthian period), Vol. 1; second edition, Tehran University Press publication no. 627, 1346 AHS.; pp. iv + 213; illustrations in text; 5 maps; paper covers Price 88 rials.

A history of the early Iranian coinage up to the end of the Parthian period. The first volume goes up to the end of the Achaemenid Period and includes a bibliography of both Persian and European works. The illustrations are fair. I have not seen a second volume.

Shirin BAYANI, تاریخ آل جلالیر (History of the Jalayirids),

Tehran University Press, publication no. 1093, 1345 AHS.; pp. 474; illustrations in text; 1 map; paper Price 145 rials (out of print).

A detailed, if pedantic, treatment of the Jalayirids. Pages 233-262 give a detailed coverage of the coins, including illustrations of many of the coins described. 29 coins are described but there are mistakes, the most notable of which is the reading of **خلد الله ملكه** on all coins whereas many only have **خلد ملكه**. The illustrations are generally good.

1968

Sayyid Jamal Torabi Tabataha'i, **سکه اسلامی دوره ایلخانی و گورکانی**

(Islamic Coins: the Ilkhanid and Timurid Periods), Azerbaijan Museum, Tabriz, publication no. 3, 1347 AHS.; pp. 47 + 74; illustrations in text; card covers. Price 100 rials (out of print).

The most notable feature of this book (and the others by the same author) is the fact that every coin described is illustrated. The book is not exhaustive but it does describe a number of coins not mentioned elsewhere. The long introduction contains potted histories of both dynasties. The illustrations vary from good to poor.

1970

Hushang and Feridun NOVIN FARAH BAKHSH, **سکه های رایج ایران در یکصد سال اخیر**

(Coins of Iran of the last 100 years), no comment can be made on this book as no copies have been seen by the author.

Sayyid Mortaza SARMADI, **سکه های پادشاهان اشکانی** (Coins of the Parthian rulers)

Governor-General's Office for Culture and Arts, Hamadan, 1349 AHS.; pp. 67; illustrations in text; paper covers. Price 50 rials.

This book lists and illustrates about 130 Parthian coins from public and private collections in Iran. The illustrations vary from good to poor.

1971

Sayyid Jamal TORABI TABATABA'I, **سکه های شاهان اسلامی ایران**

(Coins of the Islamic Shahs of Iran), Azerbaijan Museum, Tabriz, publication no. 5, 1350 AHS. pp. lvi + 402; illustrations in text; card covers. Price 350 rials.

A useful work by the Director of the Azerbaijan Museum in Tabriz which lists and illustrates the coins of the various dynasties which ruled in Iran, starting with the Samanids and ending with Nasir ed-din Shah Qajar. There is also an appendix of the coins of the first four Caliphs, the Umayyads, the Abbasids and the Ayyubids. The long introduction contains lists of rulers, their mints and their epithets. The book does not list all the known coin types, based as it is on public and private coin collections in Iran, but all the coins described are illustrated. There are many mistakes, particularly in the later Ilkhanid period where the coins of the Jalayrids, the Sarbedarids and the later Ilkhans tend to get confused. However, many of the coins are unpublished elsewhere. The book is divided up as follows :-

<i>Dynasty</i>	<i>Pages</i>		
Samanids	1-8	Sarbedarids	103-104
Buwayhids of Fars	9-12	Muzaffarids	105-106
Buwayhids of 'Iraq, Ahvaz and Kerman	13-16	Jalayrids	107-124
Buwayhids of Rayy, Hamadan & Isfahan	17-21	Timurids	125-143
Kakwayhids	22-23	Kara Koyunlu	144-157
Ghaznavids	24-29	Ak Koyunlu	158-168
Great Seljuqs	30-38	Safavids	169-239
Seljuqs of Kerman	39-41	Afghans	240-244
Seljuqs of 'Iraq and Kurdistan	42-44	Afsharids	245-269
Seljuqs of Rum	45-52	Zands	270-287
Atabegs of Azarbaijan	53-62	Qajars	288-311
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Atabegs of Thousand tails	65-68	Umayyads	318-347
Khwarizmshahs	69-73	'Abbasids	348-393
Mongols and Ilkhanids	74-102	Ayyubids	394-400

In all cases the first page of each dynasty is a list of the rulers of the particular dynasty.

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