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Members news.

Mr. Henderson (416) of Washington has added Oriental Paper Money to his interests. Mme Negre (553) of Paris has extended her interests to Central Asia, the Seljuqs and the Mamlukes and is knowledgeable regarding late Abbasid coinage. Mr. Barraclough of Bristol has modified his interest to include only coins of the East India Company: he also has two books for sale, *Studies in Indian Coins* by D. C. Sircar and *Copper coins of India*, parts I and II by Valentine. Mr. James Silver (5) of Beersheva has Islamic and Indian coins for sale and can also obtain numismatic books at a discount. We are sorry to report the death of Mr. R. L. Sweeny (463) of South Carolina.

ONS Meeting.

Mr. Nicholas Rhodes (10) is holding a meeting at his house in Kingston on Saturday 13th November from 2 pm. (Telephone 01 - 546 - 3352). Any member is welcome to attend. Please contact Mr. Rhodes for details.

Numismatic Society of India.

The 64th Annual Conference will be held at Ludhiana in November 1976 and will include a seminar on 'Coins from the Punjab'. Annual subscription to the Society is 20 rupees (£ 3 or 7 dollars). Details from Dr. Nisar Ahmad (Secretary), Numismatic Society of India, P. O. Hindu University, Varanasi - 5, UP, India.

Information sheets.

IS no. 14 on the Queen Victoria rupees of Bhartpur by K. Wiggins is currently being distributed. In November we shall be issuing the second paper by Dr. Tarizzo on North Africa; this will deal with the coins of the Aghlabids. Nicholas Rhodes' paper on Bhutan is not yet available but should be ready early in the New Year.

Note from the Secretary General.

Due to recent changes in exchange rates it has become necessary to amend some rates of subscription. From 1st January 1977 subscription rates will be :-

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Cochin, South India.

K. W. Wiggins



AE. Diameter 12 mm.; weight 2.915 gm. (45 grains).

Scholten in "The coins of the Dutch Overseas Territories" (Schulman, Amsterdam 1953) lists under Cochin a copper Rasi (no. 1252) and a Half Rasi (no. 1253). The Rasi is illustrated. A recent addition to this series is the Quarter Rasi illustrated here.

Scholten gives the weight of the Rasi as between 10.840 and 11.794 grams. My specimens weigh: Rasi 11.788 gm (181 grains); ½ Rasi 5.832 gm (90 grains).

It is doubtful if the largest coin was in fact known as a Rasi. This denomination was an old, very small, Hindu gold coin weighing about 6 grains. It was superseded by the gold fanam. Scholten quotes Rademacher (*Verhandlungen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen*. IVe dl. Rotterdam 1786) as calling it "Rasi copper from Muscat" but qualifies this in a footnote by saying that Rademacher probably means that he obtained the coin from Muscat.

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