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**Members news**

We are sorry to hear about the recent death of Major F. Pridmore whose name will be well known to many members for his extensive studies dealing principally with the various British Colonial coin series. Mr. S. Arumugam of , India writes as follows: As a member of the ONS, I would like to meet the ONS members during their visits to South India to discuss

various subjects on South Indian Numismatics. They may have the opportunity to go through my collections which comprise the following dynasties: 1, Chera: 2, Chola: 3, Pandya: 4, Pallava: 5, Vijayanagar: 6, Mysore: 7, Naiks of Madura and Tanjore: 8, East India Companies: 9, Satavahana: 10, Punch-marked etc.' Mr. Robert Wynants of France, writes that he is investigating Far Eastern gift money (ie. Paper money burnt at funerals, 'Hell Bank Notes', 'Heaven Bank Notes' etc.): he would welcome help from members. Mr. K. MacKenzie of New Jersey has sent information on the theft of an Ottoman coin collection in Greece and has details for any member who may be able to assist.

The ONS Accounts for 1979/1980 are available from the Treasurer who will send a copy on receipt of an SAE. The next ONS meeting in London will be held at St. James' Hall, 6 Gloucester Terrace, W.2 on Saturday 8th. November at 2 pm.

Major Fred Pridmore

an appreciation by Ken Wiggins

It is sad to have to report that one of the better known members of the O.N.S, Major Fred Pridmore of Taunton, Somerset, died on the 6th. August last, aged 65 years. He had been in failing health for some time. Major Pridmore was well known for his four major works on the coins of the British Commonwealth<sup>1</sup>, two other books on the coins of Cyprus and the Straits Settlements<sup>2</sup> and for his numerous contributions on many aspects of Colonial and Commonwealth coinage which appeared in numismatic journals over many years. The last of his works has just been published<sup>3</sup> and it is fitting that he should have seen the results of his many years of research before he died.

Fred Pridmore was well known to a number of members of the O.N.S. and they will doubtless recall with pleasure their visits to his home, where he was ever ready to discuss coins, to show them his magnificent collection and with his wife Dora, to dispense generous hospitality. Although not strictly an Oriental Numismatist, Major Pridmore acquired an interest, and much expertise, in the coins of Malaya whilst he was serving there. When posted to Aden he interested himself in the currency of the South Arabian Sultanates and the Yemen and he was able to form a fine collection. His later interests extended to India when he commenced research on the coinage of the East India Company. Had he lived, it is doubtful if he would ever have given up his lifelong interest in numismatics, and it is sad to think that we shall not see any further writings from Major Pridmore, who was noted for accuracy and meticulous attention to detail.

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**Gold and silver Moghul coins of Kashmir**

*by N. G. Rhodes*

The Moghul coin series is very large and has not yet been covered in its entirety. Indeed, very few surveys of any particular aspect of the series have been undertaken, with most published work being merely catalogues of collections. An exception is the 'Mint-Towns of the Mughal Emperors of India' by C. R. Singhal. That important work makes no mention of the period of issue of each mint within the reign of each Emperor and does not give references so that readings can be checked. In order that the maximum economic and historical information may be gleaned from the coins it is important that the output of each mint be analysed fully. As a start towards such a task, I have made a list of all the dates of Moghul gold and silver coins of the Kashmir mint known to me.

The listing is based on published catalogues, together with a few unpublished coins in public and private collections. It is certainly not complete and I would welcome any additions. Small square silver coins in the names of Humayun and Akbar struck to the standard used by the earlier Sultans of Kashmir have not been included.

**AKBAR AD 1556 - 1605: AH 963 - 1014**

AV Mohur — AH 999 (?): square: mint 'Kashmir' (PMC 151)

AR Rupees — Ilahi dates with month cited: round: mint 'Srinagar'

(Ilahi)	(Month)											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
45	N				P							
46												
47			Ro	P				P				
48	L				N		L				L	
49	G	L	L		A							
50	L	Ro		Li	L							

Key to months:

1	Farwardin	5	Amardad	9	Azar
2	Ardibihisht	6	Shahrewar	10	Di
3	Khurdad	7	Mihr	11	Bahman
4	Tir	8	Aban	12	Isfandarmuz

**JAHANGIR AD 1605 - 1628: AH 1014 - 1037**

AV Mohur — AH 1034, Yr. 20: zodiacal sign 'Cancer' and couplet with the name of Nur Jehan: mint 'Kashmir' (R)

AR Heavy Rupees — No Ilahi year or month: mint 'Kashmir': weight c. 13.6 gm

1018	C
1019	P
1020	P
1021	P

AR Rupees — With Ilahi year and month: weight c. 11.4 gm

(Ilahi)	(Month)												(Hijra: AH)
(Yr.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	(Yr.)
7								L	L				1021
8	L	L	L			P	L	L	N	L	N / L		1022/3
9	L	BM	L	L	BM						L / A		1023/4
10	N			L	BM				P		/ BM	BM	1024/5
11	A	L				B			L				1025
12	P							L					1026
13		BM				LS		BM	P				1027
14	BM /	R		N	L					BM / N			1027/8/9
15	BM		LS										1029
16	R												1030
17	P												1031

AR Rupee — AH 1029, yr. 15: zodiacal sign 'Gemini' (IMC 696)

AR 1/8 th. Rupee — Un-dated: square: mint 'Khitta Kashmir' (White King, lot 3746)

SHAH JAHAN AD 1628 - 1658: AH 1037 - 1068  
 AV Mohur - Square area  
 xx/19 (IMCS) 1065 (Date both sides: BM) 1067/29 (Seaby Bull. 1, 1964)  
 AR Rupee - 1: Inscription across field  
 xx/4 Tir (L) 1041/4 Isfandarmuz (Ash) 1041/x Khurdad (BM)  
 1042/5 Amardad (Ash) xx/x Shahrewar (L) xx/x Aban (IMCS)  
 2: Square area  
 xx/6 (BM) xx/12 (C) 1052/12 (L) xx/17 (L) 1055/18 (IMCS)  
 1059/21 (L) 1065/x (P)  
 AR ¼ Rupee - Nisar:  
 xx/13 (Ash: same die as PMC 1453): Obv نثار شاه جهان بادشاه غازی  
 Rev صرب کشمیر  
 1050/13 (BM): Obv نثار صاحب قران تانی Rev. سنه صرب کشمیر  
 1061/25 (BMC 671)  
 xx/25 (BMC 672: Berlin)

AURANGZEB 'ALAMGIR AD 1658 - 1707: AH 1068 - 1118  
 AV Mohur - xx/2 (N)  
 AR Rupee -  
 xx/4 (IMCS) xx/10 (LS) 1089/21 (LS) 1096/30 (IMCS)  
 1099/32 (P) 1100/32 (BM) 1103/36 (BM) 1105/xx (P)  
 1106/39 (P) xx/45 (P) 1113/45 (A) 1115/47 (BM)  
 1115/48 (A) 1116/49 (P) 1117/50 (P)

SHAH 'ALAM BAHADUR AD 1707 - 1712: AH 1119 - 1124  
 AR Rupee - xx/2 (P) xx/4 (L)

JAHANDAR SHAH AD 1712: AH 1124  
 AR Rupee - 1124/Ahd (Ash)

FARRUKHSIYAR AD 1713 - 1719: AH 1124 - 1131  
 AV Mohur - 1130/7 (PMC 2136)  
 AR Rupee - 1127/x (IMCS)

MUHAMMAD SHAH AD 1719 - 1748: AH 1131 - 1161  
 AV Mohur - xx/7 (BM)  
 1151/21 (A) 1154/24 (BMC 973)  
 AR Rupee - xx/Ahd (Schulman March 1914, lot 1183) xx/4 (R)  
 1136/x (C) 1138/8 (BM) 1144/14 (Ash) xx/15 (UM 2380)  
 xx/18 (G) xx/19 (P) 1159/29 (R) 1160/30 (BM)

Ordinary type  
 Special type

AHMAD SHAH BAHADUR AD 1748 - 1754: AH 1161 - 1167  
 AV Mohur - 1167/6 (BM: possibly a coin of Ahmad Shah Durrani published in PMC III)  
 AR Rupee - 1162/2 (P) xx/3 (BM) 1166/6 (BM)

'ALAMGIR II AD 1754 - 1759: AH 1167 - 1173  
 AR Rupee - 1168/Ahd (BM) 1168/2 (Ash) 1169/2 (P) 1170/3 (R)  
 1171/3 (P) 1171/4 (BM) 1172/5 (BM) 1173/5 (BM) 1174/5 (P)  
 AR 1/16 th. Rupee - 1169/2 (Ash)

From 1176 onwards rupees were struck in the name of Ahmad Shah Durrani

Abbreviations:

A American Numismatic Society, New York  
 C Indian Museum Calcutta, vol. III (H.N. Wright)  
 L Lukhnow Museum Catalogue  
 Li J. Lingen  
 P Punjab Museum Lahore, vol. III  
 G S. Goron  
 Ro C.J. Rodgers, The square silver coins of the Sultans of Kashmir, JASB., 1885  
 BM British Museum  
 IMCS Indian Museum Calcutta: suppl. (S. Ahmad)  
 LS Lukhnow Museum: suppl. (C.R. Singhal)  
 N Central Museum Nagpur Catalogue  
 R N. G. Rhodes  
 Ash Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

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