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The Roman site of Abonae, now Sea Mills, has produced many Roman coins over the past eighty years, the majority of which are now in the City Museum, Bristol. Since excavation has started on the site once again I readily took up the suggestion of Mr Barry Cunliffe, lecturer in archaeology at Bristol University and Mr Max Hebditch, assistant curator in archaeology at the City Museum, of preparing a list of those coins for publication so that they may be on record when some full summary of the site is attempted.

The early coins, up to the reign of Nero, have already been dealt with by Mr George Boon in the Volume of these *Transactions* for 1949, where a full description may be found. His other contributions to the site of Sea Mills have been many, and I appreciate his encouragement in preparing this list. Mr L. V. Grinsell, curator in archaeology at the City Museum, first introduced the coins to me, and to him, and the museum for facilities to examine the coins, I am most grateful.

References used in the list are:—

- S = *Coinage of the Roman Republic* by Rev. E. A. Sydenham.
 RIC = *Roman Imperial Coinage* by Mattingly, Sydenham, and others.
 NCI = 'Constantinian Hoards, etc.', *Numismatic Chronicle* for 1956 by Carson and Kent.
 NCII = 'Bronze Coinage under Constantine I', *Numismatic Chronicle* for 1957, by J. P. C. Kent.
 H.-K. = *Late Roman Bronze Coinage* by Carson, Hill and Kent, Part I.
 C.-K. = The same, Part II.
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| 2 | Greek | Bronze coins otherwise illegible (2). |
| 4 | Republican | S. 915, 1140, 1216, 1217. |
| 3 | Augustus | RIC. as 360 (2), copy as 360 grade III (1). |
| 4 | Agrippa | (Tiberius) 32 (2), copies as 32 grade II (2). |
| 89 | Claudius I | 64, 66 (3), 67; copies as 66 grade I (7), grade II (14), grade III (57); as 68 grade I (1), grade II (1); as 69 grade I (1); mules (3). |
| 26 | Nero | 190 ff., 274 ff., 285 ff., 298 ff., 302, 318 ff. (10), 320, 329 (2), 383 ff., rev. illeg. (3), copies (3). |
| 19 | Vespasian | 475, as 516, as 529 (2), 545, 712 (3), 747, rev. illeg. (10). |
| 8 | Domitian | 232, 313, 326, 350 (2), rev. illeg. (3). |
| 2 | Nerva | 79, 100. |
| 1 | Trajan | Rev. illeg. |
| 1 | 2nd/3rd century | Plated denarius, rev. illeg. |
| 5 | Hadrian | 614, rev. illeg. (4). |

NOTES

1	Antoninus Pius	Rev. illeg.
2	Faustina I	1105 (2).
1	Marcus Aurelius	As 1014.
1	Faustina II	Rev. illeg.
2	Commodus	Rev. illeg. (2).
1	Julia Domna	(Septimius Severus) 843.
3	Caracalla	47a, rev. illeg. (2).
1	Gordian III	As 91.
5	Gallienus	263, 487, rev. illeg. (3).
1	Salonina	Rev. illeg.
11	Claudius II	32, 35, 38, 66, copy as 105, 109, 261, 265 (2), rev. illeg. (2).
1	Quintillus	18.
1	Postumus	75.
18	Victorinus	46, 58, 61 (2), 75, 78 (2), 114 (3), 116, (5), 122, rev. illeg. (2).
15	Tetricus I	80, 86 (4), 101 (4), 123 (2), 128, 146 (2), rev. illeg. (1).
7	Tetricus II	247, copies as 254 (2), 260, 270 (3).
15	Barbarous radiates	
1	Aurelian	62.
3	Probus	84 (2), 104.
6	Carausius	121, 301 (2), 880, rev. illeg. (2).
2	Allectus	86 (2).
2	Diocletian	RIC 222: NC I 18.
1	Maximinus II	NCII 154.
1	Licinius I	490.
1	Licinius II	155.
28	Constantine I	30, 36, 85, 99, 172, 188 (2), 191, 215 (3), 648, 695; H.-K. 48, 53, 60 (3), 67, 186, 197, 238a, as 48 (5), as 466.
15	Constantine II	NCII 87; H.-K. 5, 31, 56 (2), 63, 73 (2), 93 (2), 181, 203 374, 379, as 49 (2).
10	Crispus	NCII 86 (5), 202, 213, 313 (2), 697.
32	Urbs Roma	H.-K. 58 (4), 65 (3), 70, 76, 85 (2), 184 (3), 190 (3), 195 (2), as 51 (13).
26	Constantinopolis	52 (2), 59 (4), 66 (4), 71, 191 (2), 206, as 52 (12).
14	Helena	112 (4), 128 (3), as 104 (7).
10	Theodora	105 (2), 113 (3), 129 (2), as 105 (3).
1	Delmatius	96.
37	Constans	75, 133, 138, 140 (3), 148 (10), 158 (2), 253, 381, as 138 (5); C.-K. 29 (2), 33 (2), 35, 39 (5), 41, 405.
26	Constantius II	H.-K. 7, 83, 94, 126, 182, 242, 354, 441, 782, as 50 (2), as 89; C.-K. 32 (2), 67, 256, 273, as 25 (9).
92	House of Constantine	Rev. as H.-K. 48 (9), as 87 (40), as 137 (14); obv. as 105/rev. as 104, obv. as 52/rev. as 12: Rev. as C.-K. 25 (4), copies as 25 (6), copy as 25 overstruck on coin as H.-K. 52 obv. on obv.: otherwise illeg. (16).
14	Magnentius	C.-K. 13, 19, 49, 50, 53 (2), 56 (2), 211, as 5 (1), as 8 (3), as 63 (1).
10	Valentinian I	273, as 275 (7), as 96 (2).

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15	Valens	As 282 (8), as 276 (7).
12	Gratian	371, 505, 517, 529, 1368, as 297, as 503 (6).
20	House of Valentinian	Rev. as 96 (13), as 276 (7).
1	Magnus Maximus	As 387.
1	Arcadius	392.
6	House of Theodosius	As 162 (5), as 796 (1).
27	Completely illegible	3rd and 4th centuries.
	Total	664.

The Hoard

This was noticed and separated out by Mr Boon in his work on the Claudian coins. The eleven coins which form a homogeneous group are:—

3	Agrippa	RIC (Tiberius) 32 (3).
8	Claudius I	66 (2), 68, 69; copies as 67 grade I (1), as 69 grade I (1), grade II (1), as 82 grade II (1).

Full discussion of these coins must wait till the coins from the recent excavations are studied and published. At present it need only be pointed out that this full survey shows 15.6 per cent of the coins to belong to the Claudian period, a figure which fully supports Mr Boon's earlier work.

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