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*Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum Deutschland, Pfälzer Privatsammlungen,
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The sixth volume in the Pfälzer Private Collections series brings together coins from what is now surely the best-covered region of Asia Minor. Cilicia is served by numerous volumes in the SNG series, not least SNG France and the two dedicated volumes of SNG Levante, as well as Ruprecht Ziegler's *Münzen Kilikiens aus kleineren deutschen Sammlungen* (1988).

The coins have been catalogued by R. Ziegler, one of the foremost experts on Cilician coins, and his expertise is evident throughout. Many of the coins are worn or corroded, but they have been catalogued in exemplary fashion. There are very full bibliographical notes and references, and die links are indicated.

Most of the coins are of the first century BC and the Roman empire; the specialist in issues of the fifth to third centuries BC will find only a few coins. The catalogue is arranged alphabetically, by city, rather than geographically (as in SNG Levante), so that Lyrbe in the far west is followed by Mallus in the east. The fact that this is an amalgamation of more than one collection leads in places to a certain degree of repetition: seven coins of Nerva from Hierapolis are all from the same pair of dies (nos. 553-559), as are eight coins of Marcus Aurelius from Syedra (nos. 1167-1174). Not that this means the coverage is comprehensive – only three coins of Alexandria ad Issum are catalogued, and the sixteen coins of Olba represented are all issues of the High Priest Ajax.

A wealth of detail is to be found in the text concerning die identities and links. For example, nos. 773-774 (Colybrassus) share obverse dies with 793-796 (Coracesium), a phenomenon noted under the description of 773-774 (but not under 793-796). Frequently the specimens illustrated here share dies with those illustrated in other catalogues, and sometimes they *are* the specimens illustrated in other catalogues (e.g. the catalogues of Karbach for the cities of Augusta and Irenopolis).

This reviewer spotted only one misattribution: no. 672, an 'unpublished' issue of Carallia, is in fact Canatha in Syria (Spijkerman 4-5).

As with Alexandria in Egypt, there are now many catalogues of Cilician coins that one can consult. One gets the impression that if the Cilician material from the various SNG volumes were to be collected together one would have enough material to begin die studies of most Cilician city coinages (as Ziegler has already done for Anazarbus), particularly for the issues of the third century. It would be wonderful if, say, Bithynia or Pontus was to be covered in this sort of detail. Perhaps what

is needed is the publication of a large and comprehensive specialised collection (rather like SNG Levante) to begin such a trend.

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