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Form: Circular, Cast.

By: Henri Dubois / Paris Mint

Date: 1902

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
70.0 mm x 46,5mm	Bronze	102 gm	Rare

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Bust of elderly Paul Kruger, in high relief, left. Signed: "H. DUBOIS" upwards on right. Legend across top: "UTRECHT (JUN/1902 (right) and across bottom within a rectangle: "LE PRÉSIDENT KRÜGER".

Reverse: A lightly draped female figure, arms outstretched, depicting Peace standing upon clouds that are being dispelled by rays of sunshine, entering the design from the upper left, to reveal the terrain of South Africa below. Signed: "HENRI.DUBOIS" bottom.

Notes: Similar circular medals (Laidlaw 003a and 003b).

During the Anglo-Boer War the ZA Republic and its President earned the admiration of many people in mainland Europe. In particular, there were at least fifteen different tribute medals produced for President Kruger by France.

The obverse of this medal commemorates President Kruger's stay in Utrecht, his main place of residence during his exile. The reverse symbolises the peaceful conclusion of the War in 1902.

The medallist was Henri Dubois (born 1859) who studied sculpture under Henri Chapu and Jean Falguiere. He specialised in medallions, plaques, bas-reliefs and busts, for which he won many prizes. President Kruger posed for this fine portrait sculpture.