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Form: Circular. Holed at 12 o'clock.

By: ?

Date: 1906

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
32.1 mm	White Metal	9.6 gm	\$5

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Bust of Chamberlain, front with head turned toward left, in jacket, wing collar and tie. Legend below: "JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN".

Reverse: Coat of arms of Birmingham. Below across: "(ornament) CIVIC (ornament) / ADMINISTRATOR / STATESMAN / BORN 1836, (in shallow arc) / M.P. FOR BIRMINGHAM / SINCE 1876". Below, half wreath of laurel (left) and oak (right). On a legend above: "CHAMBERLAIN CELEBRATIONS" and below between stops: "JULY 7, & 9, 1906".

Notes: Chamberlain was a committed imperialist and the British Colonial Secretary during the Boer War.

On 8 July 1906, Chamberlain celebrated his seventieth birthday. In his home city of Birmingham there were official luncheon public addresses, parades and bands.

A few days later on 13 July he suffered a crippling stroke from which he never fully recovered.