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Form: Circular. Obverse matt. Reverse proof-like

By: John Pinches, London

Date: 1908

Ref: Laidlaw: 1188;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
44.4 mm	Silver	46.0 mm	\$65

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Two loosely draped females; on left, seated right on block: "RHS" holding fruit with fruit tree behind; on right, standing holding floral wreath in right hand and supporting floral cornucopia with left. Legend above: "POMONA FLORA". On the line at left: "PINCHES". In the exergue, cartouche: "AFFILIATED / SOCIETIES".

Reverse: Within a laurel wreath tied with a ribbon at the bottom, space for engraving. This medal " "K.W.T / AUTUMN SHOW. / (/ WON BY / DR. BROWNLEE / 1908".

Notes: Comes in fitted brown case lined with white silk and blue velvet. On the inside of the lid within a rectangle: "JOHN PINCHES MEDALLIST, / 21, ALBERT EMBANKMENT, / LONDON."

The recipient of this medal was probably Dr. John Innes Brownlee, a South African born medical doctor and graduate of Glasgow University. Dr Brownlee was the grandson of the Reverend John Brownlee (1791-1871), a Scottish missionary who in 1825 founded a mission station which later became the site of King Williams Town. Rev. Brownlee was himself a botanist who collected many flora of the region which became the foundation of the Town's the Botanical Garden.