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Form: Circular

By: W. Warrington, 27 Strand, London

Date: 1842

Ref: Laidlaw: 1227;

Variations:

Size	Metal Mass	Value
44.6 mm	Silver 41.2 gm	\$120

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Hand emerging from a cloud, top right, pouring oil from a pitcher into a burning lamp of classical design. Legend on a band above: "HUMANE SOCIETY, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE" and below between stops: "1842".

Reverse: Wreath of oak (left) and laurel (right) tied at the bottom with a ribbon enclosing space for engraving. Signed below: "W. WARRINGTON, 27 STRAND.". This medal unengraved or engraving erased.

Notes: The suspension is missing from this medal. Correctly, an attached boss for a ring to a corded blue ribbon.

Nothing is known about this early Cape lifesaving society.

A bronze example can be seen at the Royal Museum Greenwich: <http://collections.rmg.co.uk/collections/objects/40967>.