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**Form:** Oval with arms of cross extending outwards. Attached loop.

**By:** ?

**Date:** 1884

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 1284;

Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	29.7 mm x 39,2 mm (inc. loop)	Pewter	9.9 gm	\$20

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Hope standing, front, supporting anchor. On a band, legend above: "PROVINCE . OF . SOUTH . AFRICA" and below below stops: "1884". The stops are a cluster of four dots. Round the perimeter African toothed design. In the bottom arm of the cross, a 5-pointed star and in the other three arms the initials: "C-T-S".

**Reverse:** Within an African toothed design, the Church Temperance Society monogram. Legend on a band: "CHURCH . TEMPERANCE . SOCIETY", cross pattée at the bottom. The stops are a cluster of four dots. Round the perimeter African toothed design. In the bottom arm of the cross, a 5-pointed star and in the other three arms the initials: "C-T-S".

**Notes:** Based on the belief that drink was responsible for many of society's ills, the temperance movement was a social and political campaign prominent in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The Cape of Good Hope Temperance Society was founded in Grahamstown in 1832.