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Form: Circular with pierced hole for a wire hanger at the top of which is a pressed brass crown.

By: ?

Date: 1897

Ref: Laidlaw: 0816a;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
35.1 mm	White Metal	15.4 gm	\$75

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Old head bust of Queen Victoria, left, as on British coinage. Legend: “.VICTORIA. (left) .REGINA. (right)”

Reverse: Across: “1887 / JOHN ORR & Co. / 1897”. Legend above: “OUR COMMEMORATION” and below between ornamental “KIMBERLEY”.

Notes: John Orr & Co was a chain of department stores with branches throughout the country. It was founded in October 1886 by Irishman John Orr who opened the first store in Kimberley. The medal also marks the tenth anniversary of the store.