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Form: Circular with attached loop.

By: Sale of Birmingham

Date: 1902

Ref: AM2: 97; Hern: 574; Laidlaw: 0173a;

Variations:

| Size | Metal | Mass | Value |
|---------|---------------|--------|-------|
| 22.1 mm | Yellow Bronze | 3.9 gm | \$15 |

Edge: Upright reeded.

Obverse: Bust of Chamberlain with monocle, front. Half laurel wreath on left. Below the bust to the right, signed: "SALE". Legend "THE RT HONR JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN. M.P."

Reverse: In an arc above: "TO COMMEMORATE". Below that across: " / THE VISIT OF / THE RT HONBLE / JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN M.P. / TO / SOUTH AFRICA", followed by the maker's name in small letters: "SALE". In an arc at the foot: "DEC. 1902".

Notes: Joseph Chamberlain (1836 - 1914) was a British industrialist turned politician. He was the Secretary of State for the Colonies between 1895 and 1903. After the conclusion of the Boer War, Chamberlain sailed to South Africa on HMS Good Hope and traveled widely throughout the country between 26 December 1902 and 25 February 1903. His aim was to foster unity in South Africa within the British Empire.