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Form: Circular. Pierced at 12 o'clock.

By: ?

Date: 1897

Ref: Laidlaw: 0186;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
38.5 mm	White Metal	20.8 gm	\$30

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Veiled and diademed bust of Queen Victoria, left. Legend above: "VICTORIA REGINA" and below: "1837-1897"

Reverse: At the top in an arc: "VICTORIA REG. ET IMP". Across: "BORN 1819 / CROWNED 1838 / MARRIED 1840 / SIXTIETH YEAR / 1897 / (line) / PRESENTED BY / SIMPSON & Co / TAYLORS & OUTFITTERS / WEST & FIELD STREETS / DURBAN"

Notes: The medal is suspended from a pin to which is attached a pressed metal crown.

Simpson's was established in the 1860's as a tailors and outfitters in Penzance, Cornwall. It remains in business today, branches in Truro and Falmouth.

In the late 1800's a branch was opened in Durban, South Africa. Two medals were issued from there: this one, and Laidlaw 0288b, a Boer War medal for Lord Robert.