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**Form:** Circular

**By:** A. Fischer & Co., Port Elizabeth (?)

**Date:** 1885

**Ref:** AM2: 28; Laidlaw: 0217a;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
48.2 mm	Bronze	35.3 gm	\$50

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Old coat of arms of Port Elizabeth with motto: "IN MELIORA SPERA (in the hope of better things)". Legend: "SOUTH AFRICAN EXHIBITION OF 1885" with an ornament at the foot.

**Reverse:** Within a circle: "LABOR INTELLIGENCE (half circle) / PEACE / AND / UNION / . SECURE SUCCESS . (half circle)". Legend: "CONCORDIA . NAMAQUALAND" and below between stops: "CAPE OF GOOD HOPE"

**Notes:** Africana Curiosities ed. Anna Smith pages 42-43.

Port Elizabeth is a port city in the Eastern Cape. The Exhibition there of South African arts, raw materials and products preliminary to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London in 1886, to which the best exhibits were to be sent. It was opened by the Governor of the Cape Colony, Sir Hercules Robinson, on 10th December 1885, and closed in January 1886.

Concordia is a town in Namaqualand in the Northwestern Cape and the Cape of Good Hope is in the southern region.

There is a similar medal with English on the reverse (Laidlaw 0217a).