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**Form:** Circular. Pierced at 12 o'clock.

**By:** Heaton Mint, Birmingham.

**Date:** 1887

**Ref:** AM2: 36; Laidlaw: 0276a;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
38.5 mm	White Metal	15.7 gm	\$20

**Edge:** Plain

**Obverse:** Veiled and diademed head of Queen Victoria, left. The maker's name: "HEATON" below the truncation. Legend on a roughened band: "IN HER REIGN LITERATURE SCIENCE & ART FLOURISHED. THE COLONIES WERE UNITED. LEGISLATION FOR THE AMELIORATION OF THE PEOPLE WAS ENACTED.". Stop at the foot.

**Reverse:** Across: "VIVAT REGINA (large letters) / (ornamental line) / "HER COURT WAS PURE; HER LIFE SERENE, / A THOU CLAIMS TO REVERENCE CLOSED / IN HER AS MOTHER WIFE AND QUEEN." / TENNYSON (small letters) / VICTORIA JUBILEE / CAPE TOWN 1887. / PRESENTED BY / J.W. IRWIN"

**Notes:** J.W. Irwin, tea merchant and grocer, also issued a halfpenny token in 1879.

This medal shares the same obverse as Laidlaw 0276b and 0276c and all three have a similar reverse form.