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**Form:** Circular with attached loop for a ring to which is tied a narrow red-white-blue burlap ribbon.

**By:** Israel Sigmund Greenberg & Co, Birmingham

**Date:** 1902

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0758;

Variations:	Size	Metal Mass	Value
	34.8 mm	Silver 19.1 gm (with ribbon)	\$160

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Within a beaded border round the rim, bareheaded bust of the King in uniform, half left. On the left across in tall letters: "EDWARD / VII" and on the right: "THE KING / GOD / BLESS / HIM".

**Reverse:** Between ornaments at the top and bottom, across: "CORONATION / JUNE 26.1902." Stamped with maker's mark: "I.S. Birmingham sterling silver hallmark for 1901-2 (b). Within a beaded border round the rim, legend on pebbled band above: "PUBLIC SCHOOL" and below between star stops: "BUTTERWORTH.S.A."

**Notes:** The town Butterworth is located in the Eastern Cape, 110 Km north of East London. It was first established as a Wesley mission station in 1827 north of the Great Kei River in, the then, British Kaffraria and named after the English philanthropist Joseph Butterworth who had died in 1826.

The school no longer exists. Most of the white population left the region when it was incorporated into the black homeland of Transkei and few have since returned.