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Form: Circular

By: ?

Date: 1900 (?)

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
36.2 mm	Copper-Bronze	24.4 gm	\$12

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Bareheaded bust of Lord Roberts in uniform, front.

Reverse: Across: "SOCIETY OF (in an arc) / MINIATURE RIFLE / CLUBS (between ornaments) / SHOOTING AWARD (shallow Half laurel wreath below.

Notes: During the South African War it became apparent to Lord Roberts that his British Troops, particularly the Volunteer Reg were far less accurate shots with their rifles than the Boers for whom the rifle had been a part of everyday life from boyhood.

On his return to Britain in 1900, Lord Roberts was instrumental in promoting rifle clubs with the aim of encouraging marksmanship skills so that the British people would be better prepared in the event of another war.