Victorian silver swimming prize medal

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Description

Attractive Victorian silver swimming prize medal. A cream and maroon ribbon is attached to the medals suspension ring and, at the other end, to an engraved silver bar with long pin. Obverse: A wreath of oak leaves tied together at the base with a ribbon encloses the following inscription. THE HUMPHERY MEMORIAL MEDAL/Instituted in 1880/BY THE/MISSES C & J. HUMPHERY/As a token of affection for their late Father/HON TEACHER OF SWIMMING TO THE SERPENTINE CLUB/to be swum for by all Bathers Annually/ IN THE SERPENTINE/ WON BY/ E. PIKE/ 2nd PRIZE/ 19th August 1896 Reverse: A woman swimming towards the shore in choppy water. On the shore on the left are two castle towers with a figure standing at the top of one holding a lit torch. Across the sky, above the landscape, is engraved in Latin PERGE ITA UT FIT. Beneath the landscape at the base of the medal is stamped LEANDER/MEDAL

Medals to do with swimming and rowing are highly collectable.

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