



Dr. C. Dresser for Barnard, bishop & Barnard. An Aesthetic Movement Fireplace with Linthorpe Pottery Circular Plaques

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Price on Application

MAKER	Barnard, Bishop & Barnard
DESIGNER	Dr Christopher Dresser
PERIOD	Aesthetic Movement , 1880-1889
YEAR	1880
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Pottery, Walnut
DIMENSIONS	H: 51.18 in (130 cm) W: 50.39 in (128 cm) D: 7.09 in (18 cm)

About this piece

Barnard, Bishop and Barnard & Dr. C. Dresser

A rare Aesthetic Movement walnut fire surround, inset with four Linthorpe pottery circular floral plaques.

Although I have not removed the back to inspect the plaques, identical plaques are known with the **Dr. C. Dresser** facsimile signature. I have added an example showing this to the listing. There is no doubt that this **Barnard, Bishop and Barnard** fire surround was specifically designed to house the Linthorpe circular plaques.

In the **B, B, & B** period catalogues, there is an identical fire surround, albeit with square apertures which were designed to take large tiles, but no illustration of a surround with circular plaques. To my knowledge, no other examples of this fire surround are known to have come onto the marketplace.

I find it hard to consider this was a **Dresser** and **B, B & B** collaboration, and I wouldn't try to stretch to a **Jeckyll** involvement either, but I might suggest it may have been commissioned by an architect, as was the norm in that period of architecture and interiors.

Internal measurements of the opening:

- Height: 38.25 inches

- Width: 37 inches