

Emmanuel College Cambridge - The Sudbury Prize. A very fine George III Drinking Goblet made in London in 1811 by Emes & Barnard.

£2,450



Description

The Goblet stands on a circular pedestal foot decorated with acanthus leaves and displaying the engraving "Aien Apicteyein - To be always the first and famous amongst others". The campana shaped main body displays a lower band of bold lobing and a beautiful frieze decorated with Classical scrolling foliate scrolls and flowerheads, also on a matted ground. The sides then rise to an everted rim and the interior displays fine original gilding. The front of the goblet is engraved with the Armorial of Emmanuel College, Cambridge and the reverse with the contemporary inscription: MDCCCXIII Joan Sudbury nuper Dec Dun: David Cockerton A.B. Coll Emman: The Goblet is in exceptional condition and is well marked on the foot. The quality is outstanding, as would be expected from Emes & Barnard, who made extremely fine pieces during this period. This piece is a Sudbury Prize issued by Emmanuel College, Cambridge. It was an annual prize funded by a bequest to Emmanuel College from John Sudbury (1604-1684), Dean of Durham. Sudbury had acquired his Bachelor and Master of Arts at Emmanuel College and later became a Doctor of Divinity. He was Dean of Durham from 1661 until his death in 1684, when he left a sum of money to be given to the best undergraduate of the year for a piece of plate. In later years, the sum was added to by a gift from Henry Hubbard. David Cockerton (1790-1866) matriculated at Emanuel College, as a sizar (a sizar was originally an undergraduate student who financed his studies by undertaking more or less menial tasks within his college but, as time went on, was increasingly likely to receive small grants from the college) in 1809. He graduated with his B. A. in 1813. He was ordained as a priest in the diocese of Lichfield and Coventry) in 1814. He became Rector of Ashstead, Surrey, in 1822 and resigned it in 1826. He was Treasurer of the Winchester District Association of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. S.P.G. in 1828. He died on January 16th 1856, aged 66, at Bullington House, Hants. Height: 6 inches, 15 cm. Diameter at the rim: 3.9 inches, 9.75 cm. Weight: 13oz.