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Arts & Crafts Steel and Copper Table Lamp, Possibly William Arthur Benson, Circa 1905

£385

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Height: 40 cm (15.7")

Diameter: 18 cm (7.1")

Description

A very fine Arts & Crafts table lamp in steel and copper, possibly by William Arthur Benson, dating to circa 1905. Combining a restrained geometric structure with warm, hand-worked metal surfaces, it embodies the quiet elegance and purposeful craftsmanship that define the best British Arts & Crafts lighting.

The lamp's steel framework provides a strong, architectural outline, while the copper elements introduce a rich tonal contrast that would deepen and mellow beautifully in use. Its design is distinguished by a considered balance of line, proportion, and material: the honest construction is integral to its decoration, with no unnecessary ornament to distract from the quality of the metalwork.

The form and material palette strongly recall the work of William Arthur Benson, one of the most influential British designers of the Arts & Crafts movement. Benson's lighting is celebrated for its inventive, practical forms and combination of hand-worked metals, often bringing a refined simplicity to objects intended for everyday use. While unmarked, this example displays the same sensitivity to construction, silhouette, and surface.

A handsome and highly decorative piece, the lamp would bring warmth and character to a desk, side table, library, or interior with an appreciation for early 20th-century design. It is equally appealing as a functional light and as an object of sculptural metalwork.

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