



W. A. S. Benson – Pair of Arts & Crafts Copper and Brass Candlesticks

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£1,250

MAKER	W. A. S. Benson
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1900-1909
YEAR	1900
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Copper, Brass
DIMENSIONS	H: 11.42 in (29 cm) W: 4.53 in (11.5 cm) D: 4.53 in (11.5 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

These **Arts & Crafts copper and brass candlesticks** were designed and produced by **W. A. S. Benson** around 1900, reflecting his mature command of proportion and material integrity. Working within the *Arts & Crafts movement (1880 – 1910)*, Benson sought to reconcile machine precision with hand-finishing, creating domestic metalwork that combined functional clarity with quiet elegance.

Each candlestick stands on a stepped square copper base that rises through a slender faceted stem to a shallow drip tray and plain socket. The interplay of copper and brass provides a restrained tonal contrast, while the geometric form reveals Benson's architectural sensitivity to balance and light. His metalwork exemplified a philosophy in which structure itself became ornament.

Such candlesticks were retailed through his London workshop and Liberty & Co., contributing to Benson's reputation as a leading figure in late nineteenth-century British design reform. The pair retains its original finish, showing subtle oxidation and surface toning consistent with age.