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A STATEMENT

OF ITS

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AND ITS

CONSTITUTION.

With Forms of Membership.



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The Ruskin Union.

Instituted February 8th, 1900.

To promote the Study of the Works of JOHN RUSKIN, recognising them, without indiscriminate approval, as the outcome of a genius at once profound, sympathetic and generous, and nobly used for the benefit of mankind.

President: THE RIGHT HON. LORD WINDSOR.
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— May 5th, 1900. —

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The subscription is half-a-guinea. Membership forms are on the last page of this Prospectus.

Constitution of the Ruskin Union.

As adopted at the Inaugural Meeting and added to on May 5th, 1900.

1. The object of the Ruskin Union is to promote the study of the works of John Ruskin, recognising them, without indiscriminate approval, as the outcome of a genius at once profound, sympathetic, and generous, and nobly used for the benefit of mankind.

2. The means to be employed are Meetings for reading and discussion, and the publication of a *Journal of Proceedings*, for distribution among the Members and Corporate Members.

3. Members and Corporate Members, alike, subscribe Half-a-guinea per annum, due on the 1st day of January in each year, and they receive one copy of each number of the *Journal of Proceedings* published during the year, with an extra copy for each additional Half-a-guinea subscribed.

4. Corporate Members are societies, clubs, &c., or individuals who jointly subscribe, and they nominate, in respect of each Half-a-guinea subscribed, a representative to attend the Meetings of the Union and receive its publications.

5. The management of the Union is vested in a Council elected by the Members and the representatives of the Corporate Members at the Annual Meeting, with an Executive Committee, and such other officers as the Council may appoint; the Council have power to add to their number.

6. The Council render their services to the Union gratuitously, and, as nearly as possible, will expend on the work of the Union in each year the whole of the subscriptions received for the year.

7. The Annual Meeting of the Union is held on the 8th day of February, when the Council submit a Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending the previous 31st day of December; the Members for the previous year are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting and take part in its proceedings, but only the Members for the current year are entitled to vote.

8. At least four meetings of the Members of the Union are held in each year, viz.: (1) The Annual Meeting, February 8th. (2) One or more Sessional Meetings in London before the end of June. (3) The Annual Congress for the reception of the Presidential Address, and for the reading and discussion of papers, before the end of September, in a town to be selected annually by the Council. (4) One or more Sessional Meetings in London between June and the end of December.

9. No original motion is submitted to a vote at any meeting of Members of the Union unless previous notice of it has been given to the Members, and at the meetings of the Congress all Resolutions take the form of recommendations to the Council.

10. The President of the Union is elected annually by the Council; he presides over the Annual Congress, at which he delivers his Presidential Address.

11. Associates subscribe five shillings per annum, due on the 1st day of January in each year, and they are entitled to attend the meetings of the Annual Congress, to take part in the proceedings of the Congress, and vote on all questions submitted to it.

12. The Council have power to elect persons resident in the Colonies or foreign countries, as Honorary Corresponding Members of the Union; such Honorary Members receive the *Journal of Proceedings*, and are exempt from the payment of any subscription.

13. A Corporate Member of the Union having a local Membership of not less than fifty in number, and subscribing at least two guineas per annum to the funds of the Union, may nominate one of its representatives as a Member of the Council, and on such nomination such representative becomes a Member of the Council.

14. A Corporate Member is entitled for each half-a-guinea subscribed to the Union to tickets to admit five of the Corporate Member's members to the Sessional Meetings of the Union, in addition to the representatives appointed under Article 4.

15. The Executive Committee have power to convene a Meeting of the Council at any time on giving to each Member of the Council at least seven days' notice, and it is obligatory on the Executive Committee to convene a Special Meeting of the Council with like notice, when requested to do so by any eleven Members of the Council, provided the requisition be made in writing, setting out in full the purpose for which the meeting is desired, and guaranteeing to pay the cost of the meeting in the event of the Council deciding that the meeting was unnecessary.

16. The Honorary Secretary, with the approval of any other member of the Executive Committee, may call a meeting of the Executive Committee at any time on giving to each Member of the Executive Committee at least two days' notice, and any five members of the Executive Committee may convene a like meeting on giving at least three days' notice to each Member of the Executive Committee.

Standing Orders.

Adopted by the Council.

1.—The *Executive Officers* are the *Chairman of the Council*, the *Deputy-Chairman*, the *Treasurer*, and the *Honorary Secretary*; they are elected annually by the *Council* from their own number.

2.—The *Council* meet once a quarter and more often when considered necessary by the *Executive Committee*.

3.—The Minutes of the Council Meetings, in the most condensed form possible, are published in the *Journal of Proceedings* for the information of the Members of the Union.

4.—The *Executive Committee* consists of eleven members, four of whom are the *Executive Officers*; five constitute a quorum.

5.—The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings are submitted to the Meetings of the Council for the information of the Members of the Council.

6.—All Cheques are signed by the *Treasurer*, and countersigned by the *Honorary Secretary* or the *Deputy-Chairman*.

7.—The *Journal of Proceedings* is published quarterly, in March, June, September and December; it is not sold, its issue is limited to the Members in accordance with Article 3 of the Constitution, and no advertisements are inserted.

8.—All names proposed for election to the *Council* are forwarded to the Members of the Council before they are voted on.

Objects of the Ruskin Union.

To unite together the existing Ruskin Societies.

To promote Meetings for the reading and discussion of Ruskin's Works.

The publication of a Journal.

The delivery of Lectures on the writings of Ruskin, or on subjects related thereto.

The promotion of Ruskin Reading Circles.

To advise Members, when desired, as to courses of reading in Ruskin.

Lectures to Schools.

The holding of an Annual Congress.*

To increase by every practicable means, the circulation of Ruskin's works, and the extension of his teaching and influence.

* It is proposed to hold the first Congress at Sheffield on Friday and Saturday, September 21st and 22nd, 1900.

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To receive the sum of the value of the
property of the estate of the deceased
and to pay the same to the persons entitled
thereunto.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of
January 1881.

Attest my hand and seal this 1st day of
January 1881.

THE HUSBAND AND WIFE

1881

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of
January 1881.

Attest my hand and seal this 1st day of
January 1881.