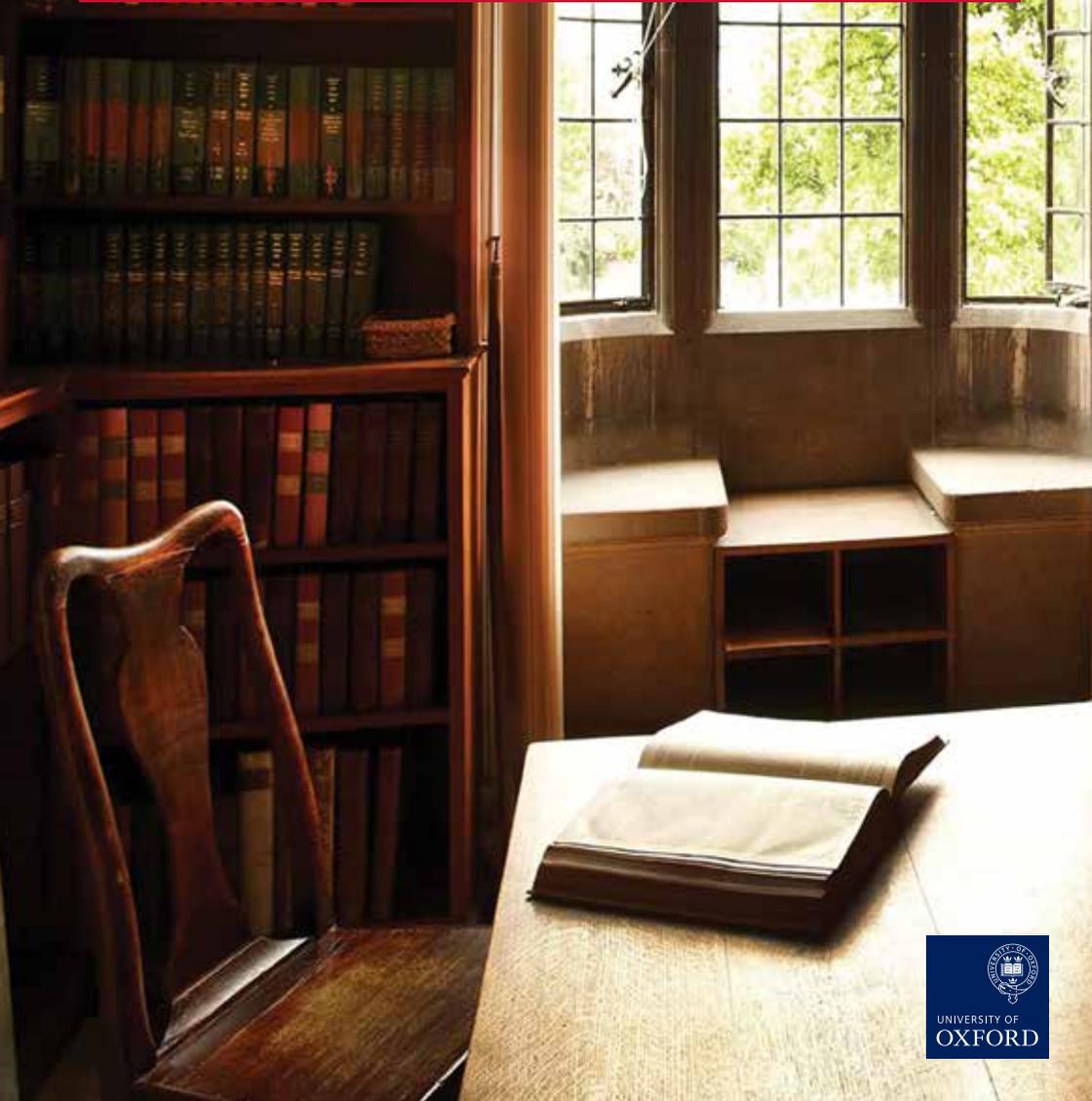




FRIENDS OF THE JOHN STUART MILL LIBRARY

at Somerville College, Oxford



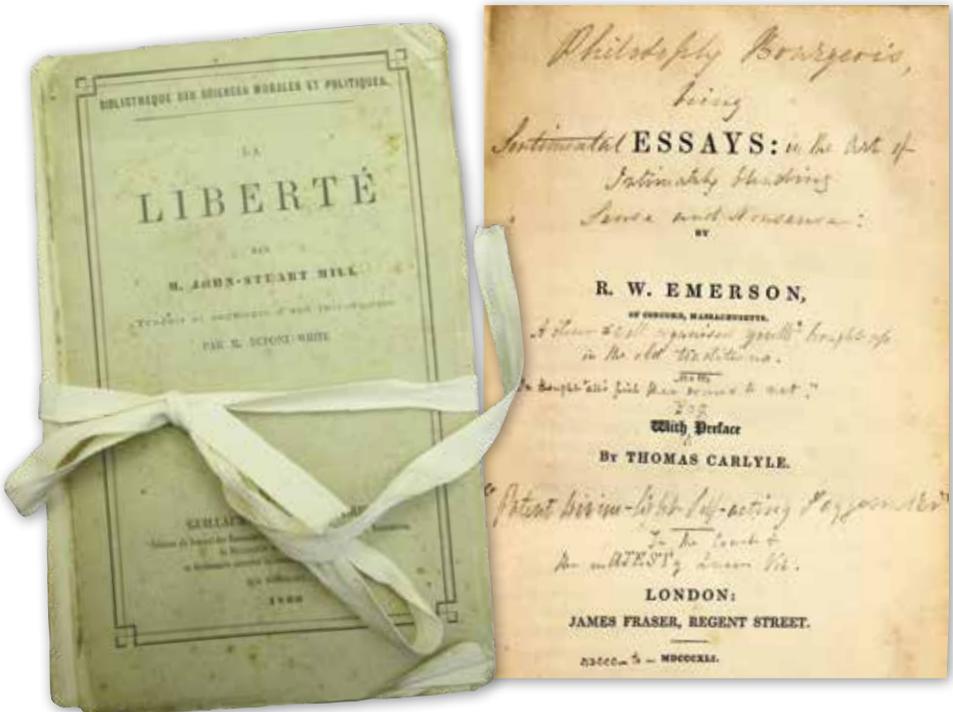
The Collection

Somerville College has owned the John Stuart Mill Library since it was donated to the College in 1905, by Mill's stepdaughter Helen Taylor. The collection comprises c2,000 volumes that John Stuart Mill used as his working London library, many of which contain pencilled notes and markings inserted by Mill but also by his father, the political philosopher, James Mill.

Works in the collection include an author-inscribed copy of Darwin's *The Descent of Man*, an author-inscribed copy of *Democracy in America* by de Tocqueville, a heavily-annotated copy of Emerson's *Essays*, a first edition of Hume's *A Treatise on Human Nature* with extensive pencilled comments by James Mill and also several annotated copies of translations of Mill's

own work into other languages. The volumes are housed in a dedicated room of the special collections area of the College library and reserved for the use of Mill researchers.

Until recently, there had been no comprehensive review of the marginalia nor any attempt to digitise it. Moreover, much of the marginalia is in pencil which is difficult to read and will eventually fade completely. With the help of our Friends group, Somerville College aims to support the John Stuart Mill Library in addressing these pressing issues through preserving the marginalia, promoting research into the collection and opening up the marginalia to a worldwide community of scholars through digitisation.





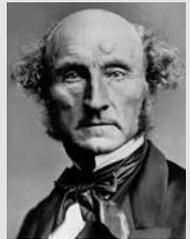
John Stuart Mill Library Project

In 2015 Somerville College initiated a campaign to ensure that the Mill Library will be accessible to researchers as well as interested members of the public, for many years to come. To this end, the John Stuart Mill Library project aims to:

1. Preserve the John Stuart Mill Library in its physical state where possible and conserve/repair where action is necessary
2. Gain greater knowledge about the collection through research into the library
3. Increase awareness of the collection and improve access to the library and its contents

John Stuart Mill

John Stuart Mill (1806-1873) was one of the most influential thinkers of the nineteenth century, making major contributions to the fields of political thought, philosophy, economics, social justice and feminism. His writing is still highly relevant today, particularly with regard to debates about personal freedom, free speech and the individual's relationship with the state. He is revered in academic circles to this day and his work is extensively studied at universities all over the world.



For more information about the John Stuart Mill project, please see our Facebook page or contact Librarian Dr Anne Manuel at anne.manuel@some.ox.ac.uk or **01865 270694**.

The Friends of the John Stuart Mill Library



Become a Friend today to support this important project

As a Friend you will receive:

- An invitation to an annual John Stuart Mill Lecture at Somerville College, University of Oxford
- A newsletter detailing the progress with the preservation and repair of the volumes, the digitisation of the marginalia and news of the latest research into the collection
- The opportunity to attend one of our Friends' Tours of the collection

Memberships

- Students (proof of status required) – £5 per annum
- Standard Membership - £25 per annum
- Dual Membership (two living at the same address) - £35 per annum

Please use the enclosed form to make your payment and send it to:

The Librarian, Somerville College, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6HD

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