



Oxford from Within (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Oxford From Within A book-full more words remain to be added, said the industrious writer. O compiler of books, why add them? The word describes feelings roused by incompetence. It better describes the place. Alma mater, home of lost causes, whispering the last enchantments of the Middle Ages. The industrious writer dreamed. A stagnant marsh of useless knowledge, withdrawn from the flowing river of life; where young men learn to be prigs and are inoculated with the poison of respectability: where the Medusa head of tradition is polished to slay the sons of Progress. Kindly mother of curates and schoolmasters and dons: a step-mother to poets. A place of sloth and superiority: a trap baited by the beauty of old buildings: a prop for institutions which are moribund and spread the odour of decay throughout the life of the country. The violent intruder shouted. A sad grave eye was fixed upon him. That was his only answer. Accordingly he continued: It is supposed to be the home of learning, but the learning is of such...



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