



The Roll-Call of Westminster Abbey (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 The Roll-Call of Westminster Abbey Since the first edition of the Roll-Call was published (on June 12, 1902), an event occurred unparalleled in the annals of the Abbey. I refer to the postponement of the Coronation. Two days only before June 26, the date originally fixed for the ceremony, when a final rehearsal of the music was proceeding, came a messenger from Buckingham Palace with the sudden and paralysing news that the King was at that moment undergoing a dangerous operation. The music ceased abruptly, and in its stead an impromptu service of intercession, presided over by the Dean, was held, in which only those who were present on duty were privileged to take part. Throughout the length and breadth of the Empire rejoicing was turned into suspense and anxiety, while the Abbey remained for another month closed and deserted. Early in August, however, the preparations and rehearsals recommenced. Some slight changes in the arrangements, such as the removal of the Litany Desk and the Recognition Chairs, from the east of the theatre, were made,...



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