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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 New Paths: Verse, Prose, Pictures, 1917-1918 But for occasional and negligible echoes, the poetic movement of the nineties, the decadent movement, as we call it for convenience, has long been over; its poets are dead or have come to see life in fresh, less crepuscular lights; and such characteristic work of the school as is still worth reading would go into a very slender volume. Nevertheless, these poets had their virtue; they sang some songs whose melody still haunts us; and they rendered one positive service to literature: if their mode of writing was rather too self-conscious and rather anaemic in its simplicity, it was a necessary and effective protest against the floridity of the romantic decline. But the few small fields which, among all those in healthier epochs considered fruitful for the artist, they deigned to cultivate, were soon worked to barrenness; and there followed a silence broken only by the antiphonal trumpetings, strenuous rather than melodious, of Kipling and Watson, and the undertones, too little regarded, of a few such sincere and admirable...



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