



The Lichen-Flora of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Channel Islands (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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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 Lichen-Flora of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Channel Islands Think of the beauty which God has spread abroad for our use; its profuseness in desert spots where none can see it; its minuteness, so that much can only be discovered by a microscope; and its extent, embracing all things. - Sewell. Meek creatures! the first mercy of the earth, veiling with hushed softness its dentless rocks; creatures full of pity covering with strange and tender honour the sacred disgrace of ruin, laying quiet fingers on the trembling stones to teach them rest. No words that I know of will say what these Mosses and Lichens are; none are delicate enough, none perfect enough, none rich enough. They will not be gathered like the flowers, for chaplet or love-token; but of these the wild bird will make its nest, and the wearied child its pillow, and as the earth's first mercy so they are its last gift to us. When all other service is vain from plant and tree, the soft Mosses and grey...



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