



## The Arabic Language: A Lecture Given on December 3, 1868 (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 Arabic Language: A Lecture Given on December 3, 1868 It would ill become me, in addressing Members of the University of Oxford, to begin by urging the importance of a study of the Arabic language. Such a preface might be in place before a popular assembly with narrow notions not only of language but even of what constitutes utility. A learned body which cultivates with activity and success every branch of knowledge does not need to be persuaded that one of the most perfect and beautiful forms of human speech, one of the most widely extended, most enduring, and most influential languages of the world is worthy of the attention of its students. And if there were any tendency to overlook its importance (for there is a fashion in studies as in other things, and the curiosity which attracts to new subjects sometimes causes whole departments of learning to be neglected for a time), I should be forbidden to recognise it by the very conditions under which I address you. The merit of the...



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