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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 Oedipus, King of Thebes: Translated Into English Rhyming Verse With Explanatory Notes by Gilbert Murray If I have turned aside from Euripides for a moment and attempted a translation of the great stage masterpiece of Sophocles, my excuse must be the fascination of this play, which has thrown its spell on me as on many other translators. Yet I may plead also that as a rule every diligent student of these great works can add something to the discoveries of his predecessors, and I think I have been able to bring out a few new points in the old and much-studied Oedipus, chiefly points connected with the dramatic technique and the religious atmosphere. Mythologists tell us that Oedipus was originally a daemon haunting Mount Kithairon, and Jocasta a form of that Earth-Mother who, as Aeschylus puts it, bringeth all things to being, and when she hath reared them receiveth again their seed into her body (Choephoroi, 127: cf. Crusius, Beitrage z. Gr. Myth, 21). That stage of the story lies very far behind the consciousness...



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