



The British Empire (Classic Reprint)

By George Campbell

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The British Empire I think there is no people whose lot one feels more inclined to envy than the Swiss. It is not only that they are comfortable and content in their own democratic way, but with no great wealth, moderate taxation, and a small revenue, more seems to be done for the people than elsewhere. In respect of roads and railways, they are behind none; nor in hospitals and other public institutions. In an efficient system of public education they are far ahead of us, and in most modern improvements - postal arrangements, telegraphs, and telephones, and all the rest of it - they seem (for popular use at any rate) to be ahead of almost any other people certainly very far indeed ahead of us. Compulsory military service, no doubt, they have, and handsome barracks are conspicuous; but these are mere militia depots. The required periodical service is rendered in the immediate neighbourhood of their own villages, and, combined with constant popular rifle practice, suffices to make them very efficient soldiers for purely...



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