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A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 148 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In every large city throughout the world thousands of women are so set aside as outcasts from decent society that it is considered an impropriety to speak the very word which designates them. Lecky calls this type of woman the most mournful and the most awful figure in history he says that she remains, while creeds and civilizations rise and fall, the eternal sacrifice of humanity, blasted for the sins of the people. But evils so old that they are imbedded in man s earliest history have been known to sway before an enlightened public opinion and in the end to give way to a growing conscience, which regards them first as a moral affront and at length as an utter impossibility. Thus the generation just before us, our own fathers, uprooted the enormous upas of slavery, the tree that was literally as old as the race of man, although slavery doubtless had its beginnings in the captives of man s earliest warfare, even as this existing evil thus originated.



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