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Forgotten Books, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Antiquary, Vol. 25: A Magazine Devoted to the Study of the Past In the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, preparations for laying the floor with tiles have caused a puzzling discovery to be made. At the extreme east end of the crypt there is an apse beneath the chapel, which has always been called the Corona, or Becket's Crown. In the crypt walls of the apse (beneath this corona) are five huge lancet window-like openings, which have never been glazed. These walls and windows were built, by William the Englishman, in the second half of the year 1180. As the soil had evidently accumulated upon the floor of the crypt, workmen were employed to dig out the accumulation. They found it easy to remove soil which had hidden about 21 inches of the base of the apse wall, and its vaulting-shaft bases. By so doing they exposed the well- finished plinth, with its narrow sloping set-off (similar to that on a Norman plinth), which commenced about 8 or 9 inches from the original floor,...



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