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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 John Dryden and a British Academy RbCEEDLNGS Of The British Academy while another, sometimes placed in the same decade, has been attributed exclusively to the Earl of Roscommon. Unquestionably the first, and probably the second as I shall hope to show, is to be more directly attributed to one of the greatest men in the English literature of the period, the poet, dramatist, miscellaneous essayist John Dryden. To deal with the first proposal, a lack of regard for chronological sequence has obscured the importance of Drydens suggestion of a British Academy in the Dedication of the Rival Ladies. Writing of the language of the plav, in which he questions with becoming modesty whether he has been as careful as he ought, he says: I am sorry that, speaking so noble a language as we do, we have not a more cei tain Measure of it, as they have in France: where they have an Academy erected for that purpose, and endowed with large privileges by the present King. Now the Rival Ladies, probably produced in...



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