



## The National Weakness: A Discourse Delivered in the First Church, Brookline, on Fast Day, Sept. 26, 1861 (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from The National Weakness: A Discourse Delivered in the First Church, Brookline, on Fast Day, Sept. 26, 1861 The three months expired, five months have elapsed, -and the rebel power is still unsubdued. The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. The rebels are not crushed, nor even so weakened as yet to despair of final success, or to manifest the least inclination to recede from their position. So far as they are weakened at all, it is by want of means, by their straitened economy and financial embarrassment, and not by the triumphs of the Federal arms. The Federal arms have not triumphed in any important engagement, except when opposed in overwhelming force to a weak resistance on the part of the enemy. And, although the disaster at Bull Run cannot be regarded as a victory on the part of the rebels, it added greatly to their confidence, and therefore to their strength; while it terribly rebuked our own overweening confidence in ourselves, and proved to us how little enthusiasm and patriotic...

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