



An Address Delivered Before the Rockingham Agricultural Society (Classic Reprint)

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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 An Address Delivered Before the Rockingham Agricultural Society It has been remarked, Fellow Citizens, in praise of Agriculture, that it is an art peculiar to man. Inferior animals have indeed an instinct, which teaches them to hoard, for future use, the food spontaneously produced by nature. But to sow and plant, to cultivate the soil, to vary and increase its produce, to create as well as collect, the means of subsistence, may justly be regarded as the exclusive prerogative of our rational nature. The extent to which these agricultural operations are carried, and the consequences which follow necessarily in their train, form the chief distinctions between the civilized and the savage state. The hunter, wherever found, is a savage - the herdsman, in every age, a barbarian; but the planter and the farmer are civilized and social beings. Permanent wealth, like that in lands, can neither be obtained, nor enjoyed by any people till the habit of regular industry is formed and established among them; and this habit no where exists till man begins to...



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