



The Natural History of Law: Inaugural Lecture (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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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 The Natural History of Law: Inaugural Lecture The accession of a new professor to a well-established Chair places him as well as his hearers in an initial difficulty. He is necessarily subject to the cleansing fires of comparison with his predecessors, and such a process is not conducive to equanimity. At the best he approaches his work with a chastened spirit, and in his attempt to indicate the lines of thought which he proposes to follow he is likely to steer with uneven keel between the Scylla of mere imitation and the still more dangerous Charybdis, the whirlpool of forced originality. These difficulties are peculiarly obvious in the case of a professor of Comparative Law who succeeds Sir John Macdonell, a man of untiring industry and resourceful idealism, whose capacity for research in many fields of law is coupled with a sense of literary effectiveness possessed by few jurists. To imitate him in his own spheres of work would be a counsel of perfection which I do not propose to follow. Yet if the professor...



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