



The Poor Law: A Proposal for Its Abolition (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 Poor Law: A Proposal for Its Abolition This was the case on the occasion of the abolition of the slave trade; for, during the controversy preceding that event, every consideration of expediency and justice was set on one side in favour of the principle which formed the cry of the hour, that the man who steps on British soil is free. The evils, indeed, consequent on the abolition of slavery were very small in comparison with the great advantages gained; but in the case of the cry that no man need starve in England, the harm is great and unceasing. When society makes a law by which every one of its members is protected against the consequences of his idleness or want of thrift, to whatever extent these may be pushed, a course is adopted exactly opposite to that which is pursued by Nature. Society in England says to the lazy and unthrifty, If you do not care to work, you shall be supported by the State; you shall not, indeed, be provided with...



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