



An Irish Commune: The History of Ralahine (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 An Irish Commune: The History of Ralahine We cannot say of Ralahine that the seed fell on stony ground, but we might almost say that thieves did break through and steal. No Irishman can read the story of this famous experiment without the most poignant regrets that it was not allowed to continue. When John Scott Vandeleur gambled at his club he gambled away not merely his own property but what may well have been a happier destiny for his country. It is inconceivable that if the community founded at Ralahine had developed as it began it would not have affected the rest of Ireland. It might have saved us many years of tragic history, and instead of beginning our agricultural co-operation long after Denmark, Germany, and France we might have been the pioneer nation. Nobody can read this narrative without feeling affection for the historian. A true, kind, stout-hearted man this Craig, with an infinite belief in the magic of goodwill and justice, with a wisdom and tolerance he would have us believe arose...



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