

and comparative mythology.' 'Thus Sir Henry Maine 'did nothing less than create the natural history of law. He showed on the one hand that legal ideas and institutions have a real course of development as much as the genera and species of living creatures, and in every stage of that development have their normal characters.'¹

Thus, then, to adopt once more words of Professor Vinogradoff, we have 'two methods of scientific investigation which may be applied to the study of law: the method of deductive analysis on the basis of abstractions from the present state of legal ideas and rules and the method of inductive generalization on the basis of historical and ethnographical observation.'²

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¹ Pollock's Notes to Maine's Ancient Law, Introd. pp. vii-ix.

² The Teaching of Sir H. Maine, p. 18.
