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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 Investigation of Inequalities in the Motion of the Moon Produced by the Action of the Planets The immediate incentive to the present work was the hope of explaining by gravitational theory the observed variations in the mean longitude of the Moon, shown by more than two centuries of observation to exist, but not yet satisfactorily accounted for. The author has published a number of papers and memoirs on this subject during the last forty years, terminating with a summary of the case, which appeared in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society for March, 1904. The deviations in question offer the greatest enigma yet encountered in explaining the motions of the heavenly bodies, and the present paper may be regarded as a contribution to the study of the problem thus offered. While the work was in progress the completing chapter of Professor Brown s Theory of the Moon s Motion appeared. The actual work being based on Delaunay s theory, it seemed to be desirable to revise and correct it by Brown s results....



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