



Miscellanies: Biographical and Other Sketches and Letters (Classic Reprint)

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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 *Miscellanies: Biographical and Other Sketches and Letters* As has been intimated in previous Notes, Hawthorne scattered his early writings among various periodicals, and did a good deal of what might properly be called prentice work. When he began to gather his fugitive pieces into volumes, he exercised much discretion, and passed by many slight productions. Later he went back and recovered pieces which he had either wittingly or unwittingly overlooked, but he also refused to admit a number of indifferent writings. Since his death his representatives and editors have from time to time drawn from this store of neglected material. Some of it, like the *Life of Pierce*, was properly regarded by Hawthorne as fulfilling its purpose in its first publication, yet has a renewed interest from the personal relation suggested by it. Other pieces, intrinsically of little value, help toward an intelligent appreciation of a master who acquired technical skill, not by sudden leap, but by long continued and unwearying patience. The present editor has added a few of such pieces, but has not...

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