



Self-Consciousness of Noted Persons (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 Self-Consciousness of Noted Persons Among mankind there are none so high and none so low as to be utterly insensible to fame, or to the approbation of their fellow-men. Indeed, all men rather covet both. Not always as their due for brain-work, but as a just reward for some personal merit. The passion with some becomes conspicuous, possibly offensive; while with others it is so veiled with modesty or with art as to remain a secret even to nearest friends. Most men desire no more than fair credit for the specialty wherein they have practically excelled, well knowing that groundless praise has no adhering quality except as well-grounded satire. Few men ever excel all the world in more than one faculty. A would-be universal genius is like a boy on stilts, soon humbled in the dust. Archimedes relied for credit upon his knowledge of mechanical forces, and not upon any skill as a metaphysician. Cicero had to be content with eloquence and knowledge of philosophy, rather than with the martial glory of the soldier. John...



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