



**The Chevalier of Pensieri-Vani. By: Henry B. (Blake) Fuller 1857-1929; to Charles Eliot Norton (November 16, 1827 - October 21, 1908) was an American author, social critic, and professor of art.**

By Charles Eliot Norton

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