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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from An Inquiry Into the Authorship of the Middleton-Rowley Plays In Spite of this interest, however, and of the peculiar merits of A Fair Quarrel and The Changeling, but little has been done to fix the respective shares -of the two dramatists in the composition of these plays. We should not perhaps wonder at the carelessness of a seventeenth century public, and it is not to be regarded as evidence of any lack of appreciation of these pieces, for that was not a critical age, and the same carelessness is noticeable in the case of the popular idols, Beaumont and Fletcher; but it is somewhat surprising that more has not been done in this matter of late years. It is true Mr. Fleay has attempted to make a division. Indeed, he has assigned every scene of these plays to either one dramatist or the other.¹ Unfortunately, however, misprints have in some instances made his division uncertain.² Moreover, as he has allowed himself on several occasions to fall into downright contradictions³ in his middleton-rowley work that cannot be accounted for as...

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