Bibliographical Note

One peculiarity of Professor Sikes' text should be mentioned. In his script, Hazlitt never used *and* but always the ampersand "&." Professor Sikes' text originally embodied this usage; but throughout the typescript wherever it appears, Professor Sikes crossed it out to change it to *and*. One may only conjecture his reason. Perhaps it was done because all of the printed correspondence in the publications of the Hazlitts, son and grandson, likewise substituted the *and* for the original Ms ampersand. As it was necessary to rely upon these texts frequently as the only copies of lost originals, it would have produced a "mixed" final text to have had letters, some uniformly with and some uniformly without the ampersand. Professor Sikes apparently wished to avoid this irregularity. For the sake of consistency, newly discovered letters which have been added have been similarly edited to conform to the original practice.

Asterisks have been placed after many letter dates (the latter within square brackets) if they are conjectural. The asterisks refer to works of biographers and editors whose judgment about the conjectured dates supports that of the present text.