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## THE SNOW-FLOWER.

Far north where winds will ever drift o'er snow,  
    Broad broken wastes of snow, through years of chill ;  
    Where all the glistening sweep of plain and hill  
Has not a breathing thing through seasons low ;  
And frozen streams take centuries to flow  
    Across the fruitless regions that can kill  
    The summer's heart ;—even here do flowers fill  
The weary eye with hope's reviving glow.  
They gather snow for petals, and have sweet  
    For solitary fields where warmth is not.  
    Thou pampered rose, how profitless and vain  
Thy royal life beside this flower, when feet  
    Turned into frozen ways have found, unsought,  
    The pure snow-blossoms of life's chilly plain.

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## TENNYSON AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE LIFE OF HIS TIME.

THE death of our POET LAUREATE has been followed by numerous articles upon his character as a man and his work as a poet. The fact that we have so many essays and upon so many phases of his work affords proof, if any is necessary, of the large place Tennyson filled in the world of letters and among the common people. Some critics see in our poet only a great literary artist ; others behold in him a seer like one of the prophets come to earth again, a preacher to a congregation of men more intellectual than reverent ; and others make him above all things a philosopher seeking to arrange all truths into systematic form though he himself seems to care little for our systems that so soon “cease to be.”

We shall devote the space allowed us to some thoughts on Tennyson's contribution to the higher intellectual and ethical life of his generation.