

It has been said that Tennyson took but little active part in the practical politics of the day. But it is not to be inferred from this that he was indifferent to the events transpiring around him; he loved his country and was interested in the affairs of the nation.

Nothing low or impure taints his poetry; the tone of his writings is moral and elevating; a poet of nature, like Burns, Tennyson was equally a poet of art. To Tennyson more than to any other man of to-day, we owe the atmosphere in which song, music, painting and sculpture may live, and he has not only given pleasure, but has exerted a refining influence wherever the English language is spoken.

At Farringford in the Isle of Wight he lived most of his time amid green undulating woodland, fringed with silver sand and snowy rocks, on which the light green summer sea and the black wave of winter flow with the changeful music of the seasons. The Landscape of Southern England, where green daisied downs, took the place of grey wolds to which his young eyes had been accustomed in earlier days, is often painted in his later works. Here in his quiet home the poet lived, and only when the tourists and admirers became oppressive in the Isle of Wight did he retreat to his estate at Haslemere in Surry, where he died full of years and honors.

"And the stately ships go on  
To there haven under the hill;  
But O for the touch of a vanished hand;  
And the sound of a voice that is still."

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### School Friendships.

The word Friendship implies mutual affection based on confidence; and where there is not perfect confidence there can be no real affection.

And how necessary to our happiness is true friendship. Bacon says, "No receipt openeth the heart but a true friend, to whom you may impart griefs, joys, fears, hopes, suspicions, counsels and whatsoever lieth upon the heart to oppress it.

When we leave the dear home friends we are more susceptible to other friendships. The heart craves sympathy, and when in a measure debarred the sympathy of those in whom we have always placed our confidence, we seek it from others. It has been said, that the more a man loves the greater he is; and we may say that, in most cases, the making of new friends does not require that the affection for relatives grow less,—the love is expanded not transferred.

We go to school with the purpose of learning, but the learning should not be derived from books alone, for much of the good would be lacking if we made no new friends to broaden our minds by glimpses of other lives and characters. Thus it is well to form friendships, and those formed at school influence to a greater or less degree our future; consequently it is of the utmost importance that great care should be exercised in the choice of friends. How many have been led into folly by those whom they called friends; and on the other hand, how many lives have been brightened and ennobled through companionship with those worthy of full confidence.

But meanwhile let us also remember that, though we may not accept all as friends, still it is incumbent on us to be kindly towards all. Solomon says, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

### Locals.

Halloween.

Roast Turkey!

"In the Soup."

"Chests up."

"Do you see?"

"Fur." "What Fur."