

AFTER READING TENNYSON'S MEMOIRS.

A child of nature close to nature's heart ;  
A man mighty with love of English earth ;  
A life of noble dignity and worth ;  
A name enduring while the world hath art.

Shakespeare and Milton were of him a part ;  
And he, with them, predestinate from birth,  
A trilogy of greatness bodied forth  
In English speech unrivalled in Time's mart.

England ! Thou mother of young nations held  
In fealty by the grace of freedom's power !  
Mistress of seas in right of wisdom's dower !

Van-leader of the age, by truth impelled !  
Thou who, with love of truth, hast beauty won !  
Thy fame is pledged anew in Tennyson.