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INTRODUCTION

This selection from the Shorter Poems of Frederick Tennyson requires but a very few words of introduction. The poems may speak for themselves, and as to the poet,1 his life, though it outlasted three generations of men, was passed in such quietude and seclusion, that no chronicle, however intimate, could well exceed a very modest sum of pages.

Something, however, is necessary to shew how the poems which are included in the volume have come to assume their present shape, and to give some picture of the poet, who is known to most readers only through his relationship to a more illustrious singer, and by the four short and not very representative examples of his verse which have found their way into the second series of

Palgrave's Golden Treasury.

Frederick Tennyson was born at Somersby

¹ For a further Memoir of Frederick Tennyson's life see "Tennyson and His Brothers," by the present writer, Chapter III. of Tenny-son and His Friends. Macmillan & Co., 1911.