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"Truth, for Truth is Truth, he worshipt, being true as he was brave, Good, for Good is Good, he follow'd, yet he look'd beyond the grave." T.

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ON THE CENOTAPH IN FRESHWATER CHURCH

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LIONEL TENNYSON

FILII, MARITI, FRATRIS CARISSIMI, FORMA, MENTE, MORUM SIMPLICITATE, LAUDEM INTER AEQUALES MATURE ADEPTI, FAMAM QUOQUE IN REPUBLICA, SI VITA SUFFECISSET, SINE DUBIO ADEPTURI, OEDORMIVIT IN CHRISTO DIE APR: XX, ANNO CHRISTI MDCCCLXXXVI. ÆTAT. XXXII, ET IN MARI APUD PERIM INDORUM SEPULTUS EST,

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MEMOIR

LIONEL TENNYSON was born on March 16th 1854, at Farringford, in the Isle of Wight. From his babyhood he was always an affectionate, joyous, and beautiful child. As he developed, he was imaginative, and very fond of music, and of fairy stories, legends, and old ballads, read at his mother's knee. One day he was so much affected by some sad song which Mr. Lear was singing that, my mother has told me, she had to carry him out of the room. Our delight was great when Mr. Jowett used to tell us stories out of the Odyssey, or when our father read aloud about King Arthur, in the long winter evenings, as we sat in front of the yule-log fires. Then came the time of tutors; to some of these he was much attached, and would weep passionately at their departure. Our life in those early days was very simple, and one of the happiest imaginable. After lessons we used to walk with our father and mother