

speak with real knowledge ; but those few who were honoured with his intimacy, those few who probed beneath the rugged surface—they know what a jewel lay hid for those who cared to seek, and to-day hold the memory of his friendship as the most sacred possession of their lives.

It is not inappropriate to sum up this slight tribute to his memory with a few lines from his well-known " Kasidah " :—

True to thy Nature, to Thyself, Fame and Disfame nor hope
nor fear ;
Enough to thee the small still voice aye thund'ring in thine
inner ear.

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This " I " may find a future Life, a nobler copy of our own,
Where every riddle shall be ree'd, where every knowledge
shall be known ;

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