William Shakespeare’s Immortality:

William Shakespeare, the greatest dramatist of England has remained immortal with his immortal dramas he wrote. His greatness has been expressed through the mouth of his innumerable unique characters. Hence, after the departure of this mastermind in 1616, four centuries gone by, still we read with eagerness the tragedies and comedies of William Shakespeare.

Most of the dialogues of his plays have universal appeal. They are proved with the passage of time. Thus the universality of Shakespeare is second to none.

In one of his dramas, he wrote.

“When a father gives to his son, both laugh, when a son gives to his father, both cry.”

This is a truth. At present, old parents are not cared by their wards in many families. They are shifted to old nursing home. Such a miserable life they bear! But parents are always affectionate to their children and ready to fulfill their needs.

In “As you like it”, Shakespeare compared humans to actor and actress where the world is a stage.

“All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages.”

Actually we are performing various roles in the guise of sons, daughters, mothers and fathers. We are here for a short time. None knows when the last call will come.

Shakespeare led a very plain life like a philosopher. He was full of wisdom. He expressed his thoughts and feelings in short speeches. Thus he writes……..

“Brevity is the soul of wit.”

In our day to day life, we see various advertisements. Each and everybody proclaim the greatness of their products. In reality we know how fake they are! Thus Shakespeare said in ‘Merchant of Venice’

“All that glitters is not gold.”

Music sooths our ear and mind. Those having good tastes of mind are fond of music. It’s a sign of good taste. In this regard Shakespeare wrote in ‘Twelfth Night’

“If music be the food of love, play on.”

Shakespeare’s poetic works give us lessons as a teacher. A person will never be derailed if he goes through the dramas of Shakespeare. Most of the time enmity grows among friends in the issue of money. Money is the root of all evils. In this context, Shakespeare gave us guideline in ’Hamlet’

“Neither a borrower nor a lender be; for loan oft loses both itself and friend, and borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.”

In fine, it can be said that the more we read the dramas of William Shakespeare, the wiser we would be in our practical life.

Written by,

Sanjoy Chowdhury, HM, Kadhurkhil UM. Govt. Primary School.