

passing impulse, due either to the completeness of the surprise or to that first generosity towards the dead which is natural and honourable in all men. The change is to be seen even among the pro-Boers, who have allowed personal hatred to play so large a part among the causes of their disgrace: it is to be seen among those nations who have most severely condemned the Raid, and the French Press was the first to hail with sympathy a scheme which revealed the man of ideas, though his ideas included not even a reference to their own country. The cause of this sudden diversion of a strong current is not inexplicable, though it is uncommon. The character of any man is more interesting than his acts: a public man is only judged by his achievements because as a rule it is only by them that he succeeds in conveying to his fellows any real idea of his inner self. Here and there a man of great character is also articulate; he expresses himself, he impresses his personality, so efficiently that what he actually does counts for less than what he is, and when the balance-sheet is made up he may be forgiven, though the greater part of his practical career was a succession of mistakes or failures. Mr. Gladstone was, of course, a typical example of this: Mr. Rhodes stood during his life at the opposite extreme. He was the type of the inarticulate character, the man who would never have been known if he had not been driven into action, who never was known, in any wide sense, except by his actions. And since these lay chiefly in doubtful regions, and were often open to unfavourable construction, it was difficult during his lifetime to find a sufficiently firm platform from which to praise him. But he had this great advantage over other inarticulate men, he could express himself by his will. It is evident that when the first part of the contents of that document was given to the world, public opinion turned from the interpretation of the man by his actions to the reading of those actions by the light of the mind from which they came. And in so doing it turned in Mr. Rhodes's favour.

When we use the word inarticulate we do not of course