

MY MEMORY OF GLADSTONE

made the Turkish Assassin tremble on his throne of iniquity ; who, if he had lived so long, would surely have striven to save the honour of the country by denouncing the conspiracy against the liberty of the South African republics ; who, if he were now living, would be protesting, not in vain, against the indifference of England to her responsibility for Turkish horrors ; has a more peculiar hold on my veneration and gratitude than the statesman whose achievements and merits, very great as they were, have never seemed to me quite so great as, in Mr. Morley's admirably executed picture, they appear. Not that I would undervalue Gladstone's statesmanship or its fruits. Wonderful improvements in finance, great administrative reforms, the open-