

semi-limp, the jaunty, easy manner, and the fascinating air of other days. Time has made a furrow or two across that brow and down those cheeks, the eyes are a little sunken, and the dark, glossy hair is commingled with grey. How near to Smalley's description of Beaconsfield he comes : " I never saw a human visage so "scarred and scored with strange lines. Not the least "thing about them is that they are as full of power as "they are of fantastic meaning. The parchment which "hides his skull is strained tight as a drum head over "the protruding bones beneath the eyes and hangs in "angular wrinkles just below. Beyond doubt it is a "thoughtful face and beyond doubt also is profoundly "contemptuous of other people's thoughts. There is "strength in the jaw and genius in the forehead ; with "a mocking glitter in the glassy eyes which belies "both With all that, the face has an immense fascination for the beholder. Lowell said "that the Venus of Milo made all other Venuses seem "ignoble. This man, with his incomprehensible mixture "of great qualities and incredible flippancy, makes the "greatest of his rivals seem commonplace."

But he speaks.

“With grave
Aspect he rose, and in his rising seemed