

profound way in which he impressed many of his contemporaries.

Potentiality and achievement are two different things. The world judges men for the most part by what they have succeeded in doing; the chosen few judge them by what they are. Tried by this higher and truer standard, George Macdonell was among the noble men of our generation.

Not that he did not also accomplish much. His life work, though cruelly cut short, was considerable. But in every age the number of men who possess the special power of externally realizing themselves by their own creations is very small. They often loom too large in the eyes of their successors. To them alone is it granted to outlive their generation, though it is by no means certain that in every instance they are its loftiest representatives. I certainly feel that several of the most far-reaching, some of the purest spirits I have known were those of men and women who have left no mark, as the world judges, upon their age and society; who have directly influenced few save their immediate acquaintances. Yet certain men of this type so deeply impress the small circle who know them,