

STILL SPEAKING FOR LIBERTY.

The noble utterance of Gladstone on his eighty-fifth birthday fitly rounded out the services to humanity of a life devoted to the cause of human liberty. The force and eloquence with which he expressed himself showed that age has not diminished his wonderful intellectual energy, and the words spoken to the deputation at Hawarden will be heard around the world.

They are thoroughly in keeping with the record of a career devoted to securing justice for the oppressed, and they recall the fact that it was Gladstone's articles in the *Contemporary Review* on the Bulgarian atrocities that first stirred European indignation and pointed the way to the independence of Bulgaria.

The speech of Saturday was a reminder to Europe, or at least to Great Britain, that it has a duty to perform to-day, as it had nearly twenty years ago, in intervening to put an end to the barbarities of Turkish misrule. There is no other living Englishman who has the same hold as Gladstone on the attention and on the moral convictions of English-speaking people, and though the English are always ultra-conservative in dealing with Turkey, they are beyond doubt heartily with Gladstone in his abhorrence of these Armenian atrocities.

It would be a worthy commemoration of the eighty-fifth birthday of this wonderful old man if his speech should signalize the independence of Armenia and mark the establishment of Armenian rights on the basis of Armenian statehood.
