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'The Spectator' of June 18, 1898, has an article of two columns, headed 'The best memorial for Mr. Gladstone,' which advocates the endowment of the Bodleian Library as a national, unpolitical, and unsectarian memorial to Mr. Gladstone.

It is very common to utilize the public admiration of a great man as a stalking-horse for one's own ends. I have so strong a distaste for that practice that I purposely abstained * from making the proposal which appears in 'The Spectator.' I hoped that it might occur to some disinterested

* The letter of mine from which 'The Spectator' quotes was not written on the subject of a Gladstone memorial, and made no allusion to one. A correspondent of 'The Standard,' confounding the Radcliffe building (occupied by the Bodleian) with the Radcliffe Library (which is at the University Museum), had led the readers of that paper to suppose that the Bodleian had received a gift of £20,000 from the Drapers' Company. In correcting that misapprehension, I took occasion to say in 'The Standard' how greatly we needed, and how well we had deserved, benefaction, and how Mr. Gladstone had spontaneously exerted himself, but in vain, to obtain it for us.