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CONCLUSION.

Such then was Ralph Waldo Emerson, the intense lover of truth, and one who not only loved truth but lived it, the seer of the Divine in all things, the teacher of the unity of Nature and the brotherhood of mankind ; the prophet who taught men to be brave and true, trusting themselves, thinking for themselves, telling their own thoughts instead of being mere echoes of other men ; the exponent of a world-wide charity which can love all who hold opposing views if only they be straight and true. The world is indeed richer for his life, and Englishmen may well feel proud that their kinsmen across the Atlantic have found so pure and noble a tongue wherewith to re-echo the teaching of their own great master—

To thine own self be true,
And it must follow as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.
