

hind you. Character is the biggest word in the dictionary. Character is the diamond which scratches every other stone. Character is the keystone in the arch of destiny. The universe is built on character. No lasting superstructure was ever built on a lie. Some youthful poet has said:

France has the Lily,
 England has the Rose,
 And everybody knows
 Where the Shamrock grows.
 Scotland has the Thistle,
 Flowering on the hill;
 But the American emblem is—
 A One Dollar Bill.

The American emblem is not a one dollar bill. Nor is the British emblem a gold sovereign or twenty shillings in silver. The emblems of Republic and Empire are not of silver and gold, but the splendid ensign of the Stars and Stripes and the great flag with the cross upon it. And these emblems stand for a manhood built four square, resting on the solid rock of truth, between whose walls there shall stand forth in form erect the pillars of equity and justice and beneath whose dome there shall flow forth, in steady ray, the arc light of conscience—a manhood, please God, like unto the proportions of the perfect man, “unto the measure of the stature of the fulness” of that one concerning whom Jean Paul Richter once said. “Who being the holiest among the mighty and the mightiest among the holy, lifted with his pierced hands empires off their hinges, turned the stream of the centuries out of its channel and who still governs the ages.”

II. Individuality. Emerson was right when he said that God has given to