

earth, and gazes with keen eye right into the eternities. The eagle, which has symbolized the Republic of the West, the daring exploits of Napoleon, the pride and power of Germany and Austria, and the great autocracy of Russia, was first devoted to the blazonry of the Redeemer, nor is there any prestige claimed, whether for despotism or democracy, which was not His first, and will not be His at the last. Yet, summing up as He did, the best in creation—the *sacrifice* not the waywardness of the lamb, the *courage* not the ferocity of the lion, the *wisdom* not the poison of the serpent, so it is the *vision* of the eagle, not the eagle's cruelty, that helps us to understand Him.

Energy, obedience, sympathy, vision—these are what we find in Him. We are invited to approach Him, not from one but from every point of view, and from whatever direction we thus come to Him we shall find that He will in no wise cast us out.