

of water and a deep breath, "just to think of the noble form of woman being made to typify, in marble, bronze and granite, that which has never been hers—Liberty!"—Chicago Daily News.

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## BOOKS

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### FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

**Free Press Anthology.** Compiled by Theodore Schroeder. Published by The Truth Seeker Publishing Co., 62 Vesey Street, New York City, 1909.

The compiler dates his impulse to do this work back to a discovery several years ago that in a public library containing a quarter of a million volumes only two titles were indexed in the category of freedom of speech and of the press. This experience, and the additional discovery that in several smaller libraries nothing at all upon that subject could be found, prepared him in part for the discovery he afterwards made through a comparative study of the laws upon the subject, that "liberty of speech and of the press in some parts of the United States is now abridged to a greater extent than it is in England or was even a century ago." Nor was this the worst. The most discouraging phase of the matter as he found it was "the total absence of anything like a formidable protest." Hence this anthology—which the compiler describes as "an unappreciated necessity, and useful in spite of its many defects simply because it is the only thing of its kind in existence."

With great good judgment Mr. Schroeder begins his compilation with John Milton's "Areopagitica," the great classic pioneer in defense of freedom of the press. Other selections are from Spinoza, John Locke, John Stuart Mill and Herbert Spencer; and added to these are the more recent expressions with reference to obscenity statutes as a cover for suppressing legitimate discussion in some directions, and anarchist persecutions with the same general object in other directions. The modern selections are from speeches, magazines, and weekly and daily newspapers, and are more voluminous and outspoken in favor of freedom of speech and printing than might be expected.

The compilation is a work well worth the doing and well done.

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### "A CERTAIN WAY."

**The Science of Getting Rich.** By Wallace D. Wattles. Elizabeth Towne, Publisher, Holyoke, Mass. Price \$1.00.

The accepted idea of "getting rich" involves competition, sharp bargaining, and more or less dishonesty and injustice; but Mr. Wattles says: "You must get rid of the thought of competition. You are to create and not to compete for what is

already created. You do not have to take anything away from any one. You do not have to drive sharp bargains. You do not have to cheat or to take advantage. You do not need to let any man work for you for less than he earns."

Now this desirable condition of things, Mr. Wattles explains, is reached by thinking in "A Certain Way," and by observation and experience he claims to have proof of the law of supply which he states and repeats in a proposition that you must take on trust. "There is a thinking stuff from which all things are made and which in its original state permeates, penetrates and fills the interspaces of the universe. . . . A thought in this substance produces the thing that is imaged by the thought. . . . Man can form things in his thought and by impressing his thought on formless substance can cause the thing he thinks about to be created."

But the author of this happy scheme of power and plenty permits no idle dreaming. Whatever one's employment, its duties must be executed in every detail with faithfulness and exactness, always with the faith that the good held in thought will positively come to hand in proportion to the definiteness of vision, fixity of purpose, steadfastness of faith and depth of gratitude. For gratitude is one of the virtues that Mr. Wattles insists upon, since it is one too often neglected.

Whether or not the course marked out by the author of "The Science of Getting Rich" will bring all that is desired out of the "Formless Substance" it is certain that the practice of such habits of thought and conduct as he urges in his positive convincing way would make any individual a more happy helpful factor in the social body.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

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—Lady Merton, Colonist. By Mrs. Humphry Ward. Published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, 1910. Price, \$1.50.

—A Forward Step. For the Democracy of To-Morrow. By William Thum. Published by the Twentieth Century Co., Boston, 1910.

—The Book of Daniel Drew. A Glimpse of the Fisk-Gould-Tweed Regime from the Inside. By Bouck White. Published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, 1910. Price, \$1.50 net.

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## PAMPHLETS

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**Studies in American Social Conditions.**

"Poverty" and "Concentrated Wealth" are the subjects respectively of Nos. 5 and 6 of these studies (vol. xiv., pp. 630, 645), which the Rev. Richard Henry Edwards of Madison, Wisconsin, is publishing for general information and club and class