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both these traits, that even in her enthusiastic and overvaluated appraisals she may nonetheless have been too conservative.

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The author’s message in his preface—to the effect that “this book is a condensation of a great deal of information into the fewest possible words”, is a masterpiece of understatement. Mr. Miller, a successful lawyer, and member of a prominent legal firm, has fulfilled that urge that many of us carry to the grave unsatisfied; he has written a book. The language is clear and concise, the style is simple and readable, the title is all-inclusive and all-embracing—and so is his book.

In 231 comparatively small pages, with print easy on the eyes, one interested in the practice of law may learn of early and present methods of legal education in this country; how to try a case, including the selection of the jury, direct and cross examination, and all other pertinent practicalities in trial procedure; a discussion of administrative practice; “how to practice law and live a long time”; preparation of wills; appellate procedure in all of its phases; the corporate merger; client-counselor relationships; labor relations, real-estate and insurance practice; how to secure business and maintain clients; and a score of other materials regarding phases of the substantive practice of the “ancient and honorable” profession.

The table of contents, with its clearly labelled chapters and descriptive sections, makes as interesting reading as does the substance proper. A casual inspection creates an almost irresistible urge to turn to Chapter II—“Choosing a place to practice”, or Chapter IV—“Securing Business”, or Chapter XV—“Some general advice”, for the purpose of discovering what is contained in such fascinating sections titled “The Big City Law Firm”, “Practicing Alone in a City”, “The Country Town”, “How One’s Practice Grows”, “Doing Business at the Same Old Stand”, “The Key to Success”, “Every Fixer a Self-Confessed Shyster”, “Improving the Profession”, “Some Promises for the Future”, “Disbarment of Lawyers”, and a host of others equally as intriguing.

For one interested in almost any phase of the actual practice of law, this volume offers 2 hours of light, pleasant, interesting reading, while the novice lawyer will undoubtedly read it with absorbing attention.

The book is replete with practical suggestions which the author bases on knowledge which he has acquired “the hard way”, and which the beginner would do well to digest. If he is looking for “easy work, quick profits, and a life of leisure”, Mr. Miller recommends that the fledgling attorney “had better turn to other fields for the attainment of these ends”. The principles of thoroughness, honesty, diligence, prompt-
ness and fair dealings, and the daily application thereof in the practice of
law, are the theme songs of this book.

The value to the neophyte lawyer (and the book is highly recom-
mended to him), lies not in the chapters setting out, in short and
sketchy fashion, the substantive law, all of which has been thoroughly
covered in courses offered by modern, progressive law colleges of today.
Rather will he find the value of the book in the material describing the
human aspect of attorney and client relationships; the work habits
necessary for success in the legal field, and all the many valuable com-
ments relative to where, how, and why to actually engage in the "Prac-
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BRANDEIS—A FREE MAN'S LIFE, by Alpheus Thomas Ma-

As our lives progress, most of us become reconciled to the inadequacies
of our own capabilities; ironically, one of the most frustrating of these
inadequacies is the inability to allow for such human frailty in others;
and to further illustrate the irony involved, why is it that these imper-
fections in others seem to strike discordant notes particularly at such
times when we are so close to discovering human perfection in an indi-
vidual that our minds rebel against the oft-repeated and oft-proven
maxim, "To err is to be human."? This reviewer has undergone such
emotions during the course of reading a most skillfully written biography
of one such individual. And yet, undoubtedly, the greatest praise which
could be heaped upon him, is the fact that such slight imperfection is
most obvious in his case. (For, isn't it self evident that it is only upon
meeting with such near-perfection in an individual, that imperfection
become so glaringly apparent, and that the necessity for admitting the
universal truth of the above quoted maxim becomes most oppressive to
the human mind?)

*Brandeis—A Free Man's Life, is the title of this book, and a very
limited title is! But how would it be possible for any title to fully
encompass the scope of this book? For it is not only the story of a man's
life. It is a panorama of the life of a nation, not only during Brandeis'
life, but as it was, before his time, and as it could develop in the future.
It is the development of a philosophy which is best illustrated by a quota-
tion from Matthew Arnold, "Life is not a having and a getting; but a
being and a becoming." It is an exposé of those who scoff at such philos-
ophy; and a biography of one man who lived by that ideal, and fought
relentlessly against those who were cynical, and more particularly against
those who used such cynicism as a tool for economic and political
oppression. It is a Way of Life.