

We are pleased to send you the announcement of the publication of a book The Power of Freedom by Henry Allen Moe.

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Henry Allen Moe's twenty essays in this volume cover a wide variety of subjects relating to the arts, the humanities and the sciences in this country.

THE POWER OF FREEDOM

By

Henry Allen Moe

This country of ours was founded on large and liberating ideas and the man who wrote this book believed in them fervently. From them he drew his working principles and in these twenty essays this unusual man has presented them with the exceptional grace and wit which characterized him.

Henry Allen Moe was long President of the American Philosophical Society, the first Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the organizer and presiding genius of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. In these capacities he touched the lives and helped to advance the careers of many of the most distinguished scholars, scientists and artists of this century. His taste and judgment were major influences in shaping American culture.

But he was never confined, nor can he be defined by any of the positions he filled. He was an institution in himself, a kind of natural resource, or central bank, to which the leaders of American higher education, philanthropy and the scientific communities regularly came for new drafts of energy and wisdom. And he served this function because in his personality and in all of his activities he was the embodiment of an idea. He believed that the well-being of a society depends on what its independent and creative people do, and what they do depends on the freedom they are given. He took it to be the first duty of philanthropy, education and government to find them and help them to do what they want to do.

Trained as a lawyer and a legal scholar, he held that the law is the firm foundation of liberty and its stabilizing force but that liberty is predicated also on a spirit of innovation and daring toward the new.

In these writings, supplemented by biographical glimpses and photographs, those who knew Henry Allen Moe will be able to recapture with pleasure his warmth and idiosyncratic presence. For those who did not know him here is an introduction not only to a captivating man but to an intellectual era which he greatly influenced.

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