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*Theodore Schroeder,  
Secretary F. S. L.*



## DR. EDWARD BOND FOOTE

The all-pervading law of compensation exacts its price, even for the good fortune of having a distinguished parent. In the case of Dr. Edward Bond Foote, the price of such a sire was the temporary overshadowing of his own abilities, at least so far as public recognition was concerned. But he was naturally so unassuming and so intellectually sensitive to and appreciative of those characteristics of his father which had won wide esteem, that in the son's estimation the price was inconsiderable compared with the advantage.

Dr. Ned, as his friends familiarly called him and as I still prefer to call him, was entering upon manhood about the time that his father, Dr. Edward Bliss Foote, came under the influence of that liberal Unitarian, Rev. O. B. Frothingham, and together the father and son traveled the road from Unitarianism to Agnosticism. As with all fundamental thinkers, no subject eventually escaped the scrutiny inspired by the sceptical attitude of mind. Although licensed