The Self-made Man In Meiji Japanese Thought:
From Samurai To Salary Man

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Two of the best selling books of the Meiji period were translations of Samuel Smiles's *Self-Help* and Orison Swett Marden's *Pushing to the Front*, books intended as guides for those in quest of individual achievement and personal advancement. How does this fact square with the received wisdom suggesting that Japanese attitudes toward work and achievement derived from traditional values stressing har