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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Aug. 21.—A serious weakness of the direct primary is the cost to the candidate. The picture of an electorate, eager and informed, going to the polls to defeat all that is bad and to elect all that is good has proven an illusion. Human nature, in spite of legislation, is still human nature and functions accordingly. Securing good government by presenting good issues and candidates to the people requires work and money.

At an election this is provided by the party organization. In a primary the candidates must have their personal organization, involving large expense in a large state.

Oftentimes in politics too much money defeats itself, but not always. Then when the person apparently elected with no violation of any state or national law is presented to take the oath of office, trouble begins. The Federal Constitution specifies the qualifications of officeholders and the method of election. Yet when all these requirements are met admission to the Senate may be denied.

Large personal expenditures are an evil. Their necessity can be removed by returning to the original method of election. But it is even worse for the Senate to evade or violate the Constitution in an effort to apply “an extra legal remedy.”

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Aug. 22.—Few people not intimately connected with the clergy realize the additional burdens which are imposed upon that devoted profession by business depression. Being the natural repository for the troubles of the unfortunate, which strain their strength and resources for relief in ordinary times, any increase of such demands puts on them a very disproportionate share of the general distress. Yet they meet it effectively and cheerfully, with little regard for the needs of themselves and their own dependents.

Many of us regard the clergy as a natural blessing, always serving others, never seeking their own, self-sustaining like the sun and air. This attitude makes their compensation meager and provision for old age inadequate. That is the general lot of all teaching forces. They are too little appreciated.

In every generation the clergy have furnished the spiritual leadership on which has rested both the political and economic progress of the times. They are the main source of the best standards of civilization. Without their influence the nation would fall into a state of moral and material decay. If not for their sakes, certainly for our own, we should give them more appreciation and better support.

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