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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 2.—Those who are engaged in the practice of the law have before them two problems so serious as almost to menace the future existence of the profession. One is the carrying on of law business by unauthorized persons and corporations. Associations undertake to protect the legal rights of members, and all kinds of persons prepare legal papers. Where this is not prohibited by statute, apparently it can be enjoined by the courts.

Another difficulty is the overcrowding of the bar with members not sufficiently educated to meet present complicated requirements of practice. Estimates are that but forty-five hundred new lawyers are needed each year, while about ten thousand are admitted. The result is a lowering of the standards and ethics of the profession. While no one wishes to exclude any worthy person from the legal profession, the public welfare requires higher educational preparation than is now demanded in most states. Many states have no general education requirement, and only eleven call for the equivalent of two years in college. Those who are unselfishly seeking to protect the public by keeping the standards of the bar high are right in proposing to raise the other thirty-seven states to the same requirement.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 4.—The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is starting an effort to raise two and one-half million dollars for the relief of their race in central and eastern Europe. The need for rehabilitation in that area is great and the organization for collecting and disbursing money is effective and complete. Our benefactions for foreign countries are very large. Scores of millions have gone to Near East Relief and hundreds of millions to other agencies. But the work is not yet done and should continue.

This is only an example of the constant and enormous charities of our country. In 1929 the amount of contributions is estimated at about two and one-half billions, which is more than one-half the cost of the national government and about 3 per cent of the national income. As an example of the generosity of a whole people there was never anything to compare with it in magnitude. Instead of putting all the emphasis on the great amount of wealth our country has accumulated, some thought should be given to the amount it is continually giving away. These are our permanent investments on which the returns are most satisfactory.

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