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THE UNKNOWN GOOD A MAN DOES.

It is estimated, but somewhat loosely, that in most civilized countries one-third of the products of property is taken by the government. This is a startling increase over the time or tenth part that used to be the rule. If the calculation be correct, it is not likely that the United States can be claimed as an exception. We have not an expensive royal family to maintain; neither does a large standing army drain us of our resources. But we have government with in government, and as a consequence an immense array of public servants. The efforts to get on the pay roll of some of our many forms of government are incessant; while the insistence of the general public is weak and scattered. We may be said to have at this time 12,000,000 of male adults. At least 1,000,000 of this number are drawing pay from city, state or national government, as firemen, policemen, soldiers, sailors, pensioners of all arms, clerks, officials, postmasters, collectors, judges, prosecuting officers, notaries, sheriffs, deputies, recorders, teachers and legislators.

That one man out of every twelve should have a pull of some kind on the government is surprising. But the chances are that the estimate is rather under than over the mark. For one item we pay more to pensioners, but that is the item least open to objection, than is sufficient for the maintenance of the great French army. The vast host on the pay-rolls is partly caused by beneficial operations on the part of the government, which call for a large expenditure. The poor laws of queen Elizabeth were the first movement in that direction. The principal is, that the man or woman who has grown old and is not able to labor any more, should not be suffered to depend for the prolongation of life on chance alms, or die like dogs in the streets. This form of benevolence is now local, and every man who has real or personal property contributes to the fund when he pays his taxes. The paper has, in a sense, a lien on the well-to-do, which can be enforced.

It was next thought that education should be maintained at the general expense. Society has come to recognize the fact that it is due to itself that knowledge should be disseminated. As a consequence, everybody who has property aids in supporting the common schools. Various apparent anomalies are the result. Many people who have no children have to pay money to educate the children of other people. If the taxpayer, however, be a man of moderate wealth, he has an advantage. The education of his children is conducted for much less than he would otherwise have to pay. As a matter of fact, other and richer men help him along. There is a long string of this apparent one-sidedness. Police and courts are maintained by those who pay taxes, not for their own benefit exclusively, but as well for those who pay no taxes directly. Lights and paved streets are supplied gratis, to those who never make the acquaintance of the tax collector. Firemen are employed to put out fires without charge in every house that is attacked by the devouring element.

The question of the moment is to determine where this kind of thing is going to end. It is the process of taking from those who have acquired property for the benefit of those who have none. Society has found its account heretofore in the lessening of human misery, the greater safety of life and property, the greater order and decorum of civilization, the advancement of learning and the promotion of human happiness. But none of these functions are strictly governmental. The object of government primarily, is to preserve order and fight off the public enemy. Strictly speaking, all the other functions should be left to private initiative. But we have made such advances in the beneficial operation of government, that there can be no retrograde movement, nor is it desirable that there should be. Even the skindiff, if he have property, must contribute to the support of the indigent, helpless and sick; he must pay for the education of other people's children; he must provide streets, lights and assistance of various other kinds in certain contingencies for his fellow citizens.

Finally one to kill the goose that is laying the golden egg. If all incentive to individual action should be removed, society would sink back into listless barbarism. There would then be neither hospitals nor almshouses, nor free education, nor any alleviation of human anguish in any form. It may be said that the heavy drains which are now made on society for various purposes outside of the legitimate wants of government, would meet with more resistance, but for the method of taxation which is in vogue. No man can tell without the most careful and tedious examination how much he pays in the way of taxes. Not one in 10,000 knows it. He is paying taxes when he smokes a cigar or a pipe, drinks foreign wines, or buys a foreign suit of clothes. He is giving his money away for the benefit of other and less fortunate people all day long. There is some sort of a pull upon him wherever he goes. The government plucks him—the incorporations pluck him. The wonder is that he is able to escape without being rendered absolutely destitute. He is giving to a hundred objects of which he has little or no knowledge, and no thanks are returned to him.

The latest idea is to jump over the intervening space and finish him out of hand. But the result will be the more distinct demarcation of the line where government ends and private rights begin. The socialism, which has been engrained on government, is partial in its nature, and is justified by the resulting benefits to society at large. There is no necessary connection between it and the final socialism which is sometimes advocated.

Dr. Hammond says that man should live always, and would never die if he kept in line with the laws of his being. Dr. Hammond is getting cranky. No created organism is immortal. "The beasts that perish" in a state of nature have a chance to live up to the law of their existence, and they die finally of the subsidence of life within them. There is no evidence that man is an exception to the rule. If he live forever, there must be a limit on creation, or the globe would become in a single century so crowded by human beings that a sentence to an eternity of physical existence would be the essence of cruelty.

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