

on personality rather than on property and on life rather than on wealth.

To save the spirit of men from being crushed is quite as important as to prevent their bodies from being broken or infected. Many a man's spirit fails when, through no fault of his own, or of his family, efficiency is permanently impaired through accident, or savings become exhausted by unemployment or sickness, or where a new life in the home suggests an additional burden instead of a joy. Much invalidity and penury is due to lack of character and thrift; but much also is evidence of want of effective social control.

What society fails effectively to prevent, society is in some measure under obligation to mend. The elimination of fears with respect to the fundamental requisites of health can only be brought about by the universal enforcement of a national minimum standard of life. This the Labor Party of Great Britain some years ago put forward as its first principle, and in this they were right. "Only", it is contended, "on the basis of a universal application of the policy of the National Minimum, affording complete security against destitution, in sickness and health, in good times and bad alike, to every member of the Community, can any worthy social order be built up."

In advocating enforcement of this minimum as the necessary basis of any genuine industrial efficiency or decent social order, Labor fortifies its position by accepting without