

in a much broader light than that of a mere producer and seller of labour. In a democracy like ours it is impossible to dissociate the worker from the husband, the father, the citizen, the church member, and so on. He is all these and more in one. As a husband and father he has a wife and children to feed, clothe, and shelter. As a citizen he should properly meet his expenses as a voter and a taxpayer, and as a member of a church he has his contributions to make towards the support of his particular denomination. The schoolhouse for the education of his children, and beneficial and insurance societies and like institutions also have their worthy demands upon him.

For the protection of his Standard of Living against the many economic forces continually attacking it, and in order to raise his standard, the native workingman has only his money wages. Thus higher wages to the worker means greater power to guard himself and family against poverty, to support a higher standard of living, and to secure larger opportunities to benefit from democratic institutions. But except in those cases where the worker is strongly organised in a labour union, he has no control over the amount of his wages or over the economic forces constantly at work to prevent his wages from rising.