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EXPLANATORY NOTE TO FOURTH EDITION

This is the fourth edition of a volume first issued in 1905, yet explanation should be made why it has little connection with that except the title. When the Minnesota Debating League chose the direct primary for its subject thirteen years ago, The H. W. Wilson Company reprinted a small collection of those magazine articles which offered the best arguments for the two sides of the debate. When the edition was exhausted, a second was put forth, with supplementary and revised material. By 1911, when a third edition was needed, the adoption of this feature of popular government had spread so generally that these earlier books were quite obsolete in their information. Therefore practically a new volume was compiled upon the same topic with a selection from late articles. For the first time the Brief, the Bibliography and the Introduction were added, thus fitting the book for inclusion in the rapidly growing Debaters' Handbook Series.

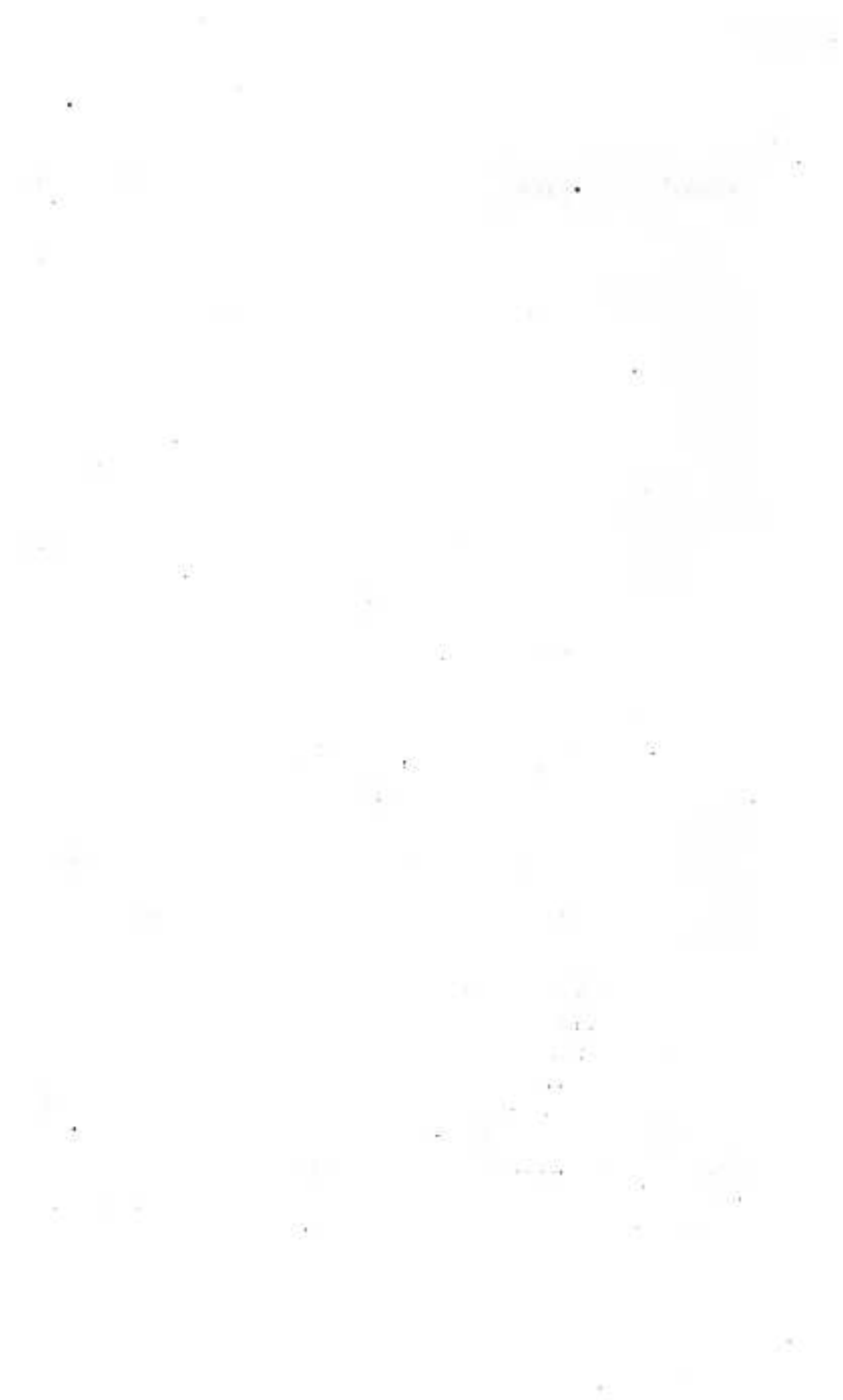
In 1918 the demand still continues for this handbook, hence a fourth edition is presented. In reading the discussions printed during the past seven years, one notices not so many new arguments for and against the principle of the direct primary as more thorough analyses of the strong and weak features of the various state laws. As far as space permits, these summaries are here reproduced. An effort has also been made to collect the endorsements or criticisms of governors in their messages to their legislatures because these are rarely available to the debater.

Special attention is called to the Appendix containing a table compiled by Miss Gertrude E. Woodard of the Law Library, University of Michigan, which presents comparative information not before obtainable in convenient form.

This edition varies from the third in seventy-four new pages of additional reprints, the enlargement of the Brief, the revision to date of the Bibliography and the new feature of Miss Woodard's table.

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