

fourth of the people—the cream of the industrial population—are interested in the movement one would imagine that practically every one in Britain would appreciate what co-operation represented. There would seem to be good excuse for the ignorance of our people when the British Agricultural Organisation Society felt itself under the necessity recently of sending out a communication to the press calling the attention of the agricultural community to the danger of the misapplication of the term co-operation in agricultural developments, and insisting upon the economic methods I have described.

Although there were only 13 agricultural societies recognized by the A. O. S. in 1901 they had increased to 396 at the end of last year. 145 of them were for the supply of requirements and sale of produce such as I understand is in contemplation in the honey industry, 19 were dairy, bottled milk and cheese-making societies, 161 were small-holding and allotment societies, which will not apply to any considerable extent to this country, 39 were agricultural credit or banking societies, 20 egg and poultry, 3 auction marts for the sale of members produce, one central co-operative bank, an Agricultural organization society for