

## The Theory of Bolshevism

section in the community. This is what has happened in Russia. Instead of the idealists controlling the State, the idealists themselves are controlled by forces which they had the power to start but which are now the masters.

The machine of Government has broken down because the agents lack both the faith and the technical skill. If the faith was widely held the lack of skill might be overcome ; the result of the absence of both is that a whole people are starving in a land which but yesterday exported food to the people of this country.

Apart from the failure in the economic structure, there is the complete despising and ignoring of civil liberty, there is no need to reason the matter out. The Bolsheviks having frankly agreed that a Bolshevik Dictatorship means exactly what it says. There is no room for anyone other than a Bolshevik. In England such a position could hardly be won except over the dead bodies of that section of the Socialist movement which attaches some importance to the idea of personal liberty.