

production and distribution, carried on co-operatively by all who are physically and mentally able to work . . . . . compensation for services being on the basis of to each according to his deeds, less his proportionate share of social expenses." (Dr. Aley).

## *II. Socialism Misunderstood.*

Misrepresentations of Socialism are common, chiefly unintentional, the commonest among them being that the teaching includes a dividing-up of property. Though Socialists may be inconsistent in saying so, in view of their platform principles, it is true that they have never advocated anything as revolutionary as this. If it be logical, it is the logic of the enemy. No Socialist ever proposed such a plan. What they advocate is a system which will do away with artificial inequalities, and give absolute equality of opportunity. This guards against the charge that they wish to make all men equal. That, they recognize, cannot be done, but the practice of passing on from generation to generation the results of labor, and thus producing inequality among men, would be done away with. Under a Socialist regime it is claimed that the greatest freedom would be allowed, all the greater because enjoyed to the same degree by everybody. Every citizen would be quite free to do as he pleased with the results of his work. He might indulge in expensive tastes for objects of art, fast horses, etc.,