

ment. In other words, that its parliamentary, as distinguished from its platform and special press campaigns, have been one long deception of the public.

It may be admitted that many of the organisations and leaders of the Labour parties in Australia are not conscious of taking any active part in the propagation of such Socialism, and separate sharply in their own minds the reform planks of the Labour platform from the Socialistic aims now scarcely veiled in all their official "Objectives." But such men and such organisations are being irresistibly borne along with the tide of Socialism. If they do not know it, the Socialists do. Without the aid of the Socialists the Labour parliamentary party's separate existence would not survive one general election. It is evident from the extracts of speeches given in this work that their parliamentary representatives have a clear and fearful foreboding of that fact.

Separate that portion of the Labour platform which may be legitimately called Liberal and Reform movement from the whole of the Labour platform, and nothing but the Socialistic "Objective" is left. In other words, were the parliamentary Labour representatives to attempt to cut their fighting platform from their "Objective," their occupation would be gone. Hence the necessity of keeping them in the closest connection on the platform. But were they to proclaim this indivisible connection in Parliament, or to make any serious attempt in Parliament to embody any one principle of the "Objective," as understood by the Socialists, into the form of an Act of Parliament, public opinion and parliamentary parties would at once