

lish cities, and it is altogether one of the most active and successful organizations of its kind in existence."

Other authorities up to date go to show that the Fabian Society is one of the most dangerous organizations with which Anti-Socialists in Great Britain have to cope, for to a large extent it works "subterraneously" and has a perfected scheme of permeation by means of which it exerts a powerful influence in the least expected quarters.

The now well-known George Bernard Shaw is one of the most active leaders in this Society. Among its publications that have attracted wide attention may be mentioned "Fabian Essays," "Facts for Socialists," "The Fabian News," etc. The Fabian Society is supported by voluntary subscriptions of members and friends.

Let us now take a brief glance at the Independent Labour Party, also under the Evolutionary group. It is affiliated with the Labour Party, which is a federation of Trades Unions, Co-operative Societies and Socialist Societies, for political purposes.

The I. L. P., as it is commonly called, was founded in 1893. It is avowedly Socialistic and has countless branches throughout the country. Its Chairman is Ramsay Macdonald, M. P., an advanced Socialist. The following announcement is taken from one of their printed leaflets:

"The I. L. P. is a political organization for the propagation of Socialism. It seeks the political and industrial organization of the workers, and the independent representation of Socialist principles on all elective bodies."

This Society supports a paper, the "Labour Leader," as its organ, and is looked upon by Anti-Socialists as a peculiarly dangerous organization, as it is a party of clever opportunists and trimmers. Where the outspoken Socialism of the Social Democratic Federation variety is so extreme as to repel at the outset, the I. L. P. wins adherents by its less militant and fiery propagandism but is is Socialism and means the same thing in the end. Keir Hardy, Phillip Snowden, F. W. Jowett, all M. P.'s, are among the little army of able writers employed by the I. L. P. From their constitution and rules issued for 1908 I will take a few items:

ITS OBJECT.

"The education of the Community in the principles of Socialism—the industrial and political organization of the workers—the independent representation of Socialist principles on all elective bodies.

PROGRAMME.

"The true object of industry being the production of the requirements of life, the responsibility should rest with the community collectively; therefore, the land being the storehouse of all the necessities of life, should be declared and treated as public property.

"The capital necessary for the industrial operations should be owned and used collectively.

"Work, and wealth resulting therefrom, should be equally distributed over the population.