

II.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION \*

(From "A Letter to a Comrade on Our Problem of Organization"—September, 1902).

. . . . As regards the district groups, one of their most important functions is properly to organize literature distribution. As a rule, I think, the district groups should act as the intermediaries between the committees and the factories, and even as transmitters. Their chief duty should be the correct conspiratorial distribution of the literature received from the committee. This is an extremely important duty, for if we can secure contact between a special district group of distributors and all the factories in that district and of the largest number of workers' houses in that district, it will be of great value, both in case of demonstrations and in the event of uprisings. To train a network of agents for the rapid and correct distribution of literature, leaflets, proclamations, etc., is to perform the greater half of the work of preparation for an eventual demonstration, uprising. It is too late to

---

\* Although written in 1902, when not a single Social Democratic leaflet could be distributed legally, what is said here may be equally applied to those countries where our press is legal. The extensive distribution of our legal publications must be carefully organized. (Editor).