Preface

Politics played an important part in the life of George Bernard Shaw. It has played an equally important part in his plays but opinions differ widely as to his political ideas and convictions. The following pages are an attempt at showing what these political ideas are, how Shaw gathered them over the years and how, finally, he made use of them in his dramatic works with the zeal of a missionary. Thus from a study of his plays it is possible to have a clear idea of his political philosophy. I have discussed only those plays of Shaw which, directly or indirectly, give us an insight into his political ideas.

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