

SOCIETY NOTES

For this Bulletin, which has now matched the eminence of John Buchan's heroic ascent, we may claim not only its familiar virtues (whatever these may be) but also some increase in both its variety and range. First, rather than one special feature there are two - the review by Paul Chaplin of research agencies and projects concerned with Co-operatives and the symposium on the Role of the Co-operative College sustained by ex-students. Secondly the Newsletter from Rita Rhodes reports very widely from the various Co-operative sectors and matches our ambition that "wider still and wider still our bounds be set".

Annual Conference and A.G.M.

By this time you have, we hope, reserved your places for the Annual Conference and General Meeting at the College 26-27 September. Following a main theme of this Bulletin, Lord Jacques, Mr W. P. Watkins and Dr R. L. Marshall on the Friday evening will form a panel to lead a discussion on the development of the Co-operative College over the past 60 years: and on the Saturday morning some former students will discuss its impact on the post-war generation.

Since the College Ex-Students Association is holding its reunion on 27-28 September, its members are being given the chance to attend these sessions.

Hail and Farewell

Welcome to Mr I Thomas and Mr I Macdonald who have taken over as Regional Secretaries, the Midlands and Scotland. And appreciation and good wishes to Sidney Pollard, Professor of Economic History at the University of Sheffield who is taking up a permanent post in Germany and has resigned as a President of the Society. In his last article for this Bulletin, No. 36, he wrote: "what would be far more promising would be to interest academics themselves in teaching and research of interest and value to the Co-operative Movement". Certainly he represented what he advocated and the Movement gained (and should have responded much more) to the teaching and research he undertook. We shall hope still to remain within range of his interest and support.

And Congratulations -

- to Mrs Norah Willis, Joint Convenor of the Society in the Southern Region who has been elected to the Central Executive of the Co-operative Union.

Future Issues of the Bulletin

There will, no doubt, be proposals to the A.G.M. from the officers on future topics to be examined - and you will have the chance to add yours. Come prepared then for that contribution - and for all the other democratic opportunities of the occasion.

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