

SOCIETY NOTES

The Annual Conference and the A.G.M. of the Society on 26-27 September were enjoyable, lively and encouraging. The Secretary's report of the Conference is included in this Bulletin and his summary of the A.G.M. is to appear in the next. And the 1980 experiment of timing the occasion to coincide with the Reunion of the College Ex-Students' Association at Stanford Hall was promising enough to justify extension : the 1981 date will be 25-26 September.

Let's Praise Leading Men

In advance of the report of the A.G.M., it is proper still to acknowledge past and anticipate future service to the Society. Max Wood has resigned from the list of Presidents in deference to medical advice to limit his commitments and, of course, we have expressed our warm good wishes to him and our appreciation of his work for the Society. I recall, particularly, his advocacy of a "Co-operative Fabian Society" which encouraged us in the early consideration of the S.C.S. and that must still be part of our ambition even if we are still far from it. The A.G.M. also agreed on approaches to others whom we should be grateful to add to the Presidential list. As Alan Rhodes completed his year of Chairmanship, which had earned our admiration and applause, David Hutton steps up to that

high office and Professor A.J. Eccles joins Rita Rhodes in the Vice-Chairmanship. Bob Houlton is resigning as Secretary, loosening the links of the Society with the Education Department and College; he has our thanks for all his help and our hope of continuing association with Stanford Hall and the Union though possibly more at arm's length than in the past. Alex Wilson and Ted Stephenson have agreed to take over the Secretaryship - we look to them very confidently and gratefully. Bless them all.

Bulletins Ahead

It was agreed at the A.G.M. that Bulletin due in April/May 1981 should deal with Government and Co-operation and Bulletin 42 in August/September with the record and prospects of the Co-operative Development Agency. We hope also to inaugurate in No. 41 a regular up-dating by Paul Chaplin of the survey of "Co-operatives Research" which he provided for No. 39 and a Reviews Section which will select a few publications of particular Co-operative interest.