

SOCIETY NOTES

The Society's Annual Conference at Stanford Hall 24-25 September, gathers under a banner with a device stranger than it should be (see the letter below from Marianne Rigge and Michael Young) "Co-operation between Co-operatives" and this Bulletin is strongly related to this. We print two articles which will be the basis of presentations at the Conference: one by A.L. Mackintosh for the Society's Syndicate on this topic which will be reporting its findings and the other by Dr. Roger Clarke who will be speaking on "Co-operation between Co-operatives in Eastern Canada: a Case Study". We also include the Report of the National Officers for 1981-2 to be submitted to the A.G.M. which follows the Conference.

The remaining elements in the Bulletin are all equally deserving of particular mention - but one, inevitably, more equally than the others. Rita Rhodes was the source of the suggestion for the Newsletter, was inexorably called to put it into practice and was very effective in doing so. Now Rita, who has entered the service of the I.C.A., feels she must hand over the task and the torch. We are very grateful to Rita for the initiative and quality in the Newsletter and very grateful also to Jenny Thornley for taking responsibility for it - and for doing so at rather short notice.

Recruiting for the Conference - and Society

The fees for the Conference are £25 (residential) and £16 (non-residential) and bookings should be sent to:

Mr. Brian Rose
 Programme Division
 The Housing Corporation
 149 Tottenham Court Road
 London W1P 8BN

The Secretary has available further copies of the sheet "Invitation into Membership". As the National Officers report in their reckoning for 1981-2, the membership total is well-maintained: but in this respect "more means better"; the additions are best secured by personal evangelism; and the sheet is a very useful support.

Fraternal Greetings

We have had a courteous and impressive report of the early promise of the Society for Co-operative Studies in Ireland, - Hon. Sec. Pat Bolger, c/o County Development Offices, Lifford, Co. Donegal. The report included a copy of the Society's Newsletter and details of two books which it has recently been able to have republished: both are available from Irish Academic Press, Kill Lane, Kill-o'-the-Grange, Blackrock, Co. Dublin:-

Co-operation and Nationality

by George Russell, £3.00 (sterling) incl. postage

The National Being

by George Russell, £3.50 (sterling) incl. postage.