

DEAR WILL - IN APPRECIATION OF W.P.W.

"We thank the goodness and the grace
Which on his birth have smiled"

Divers and deep thanks and good wishes have been reaching Will for his 90th birthday on 5 December 1983 and the Society gladly adds its voice.

We print from the cover of his book The International Co-operative Alliance 1895-1970 a synopsis of his career. It was not appropriate there but it is necessary here to add how much was owed to Mary, his wife. We include with the synopsis a summary list of his writings.

Secondly, we convey greetings from some individuals associated with Will at different times of his life and in different areas of his interest. Thirdly, there is the distillation of experience which he prepared for this Bulletin "Co-operative Education in Retrospect" in which he returns to an aspect of the Co-operative Movement which has always been his special concern. His service to that Movement has been uniquely varied in its practical work and still unified by the faith he has so consistently maintained. As he wrote in "The Nature of Co-operative Principles" in Co-operative College Paper 13 in 1967:-

"In the century and a half in which Co-operation has been spreading across the world, its environment has been in continual change, not only in space but also through time. The forms must change

accordingly, along with the Movement's expansion in space and time. What remains unchanged is the primordial substance, the body of principles inherent in the Co-operative idea, which concentrates within itself so much that mankind, regardless of race and creed and climate, can accept as right and good."

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