

Reports from the Regions

Metropolitan and South

Joint Convenors :

MR. W. J. PHILPOTT, B.SC.(ECON.), M.B.I.M.,
Head of the Department of Management and Merchandising,
College for the Distributive Trades.

MR. JOHN WALKER,
Food Trades Officer,
Luton Industrial Co-operative Society.

At its January meeting the branch discussed a comprehensive report on comparative statistics prepared by Mr. A. Teasdale of the College for the Distributive Trades. The object of the report was to measure Co-operative trading performance against that of the Movement's principal competitors.

Following a paper given by Mr. J. R. Walker on the effects of Selective Employment Tax the branch is hoping to prepare a discussion paper on this subject in the spring of 1971.

North

Joint Convenors :

DR. J. STEVENSON, PH.D., IUR.D., B.A.(HONS.),
Principal, Monkwearmouth College of Further Education.

MR. P. HARTY, SR.,
Education Officer, North Eastern Co-operative Society,
Newcastle Division.

No regional activity has taken place since the last issue of the *Bulletin*, but a meeting will be convened shortly to discuss future activities.

North-West

Joint Convenors :

MR. J. F. ROPER, M.A.,
Faculty of Economic and Social Studies,
University of Manchester.

MR. F. BRUCKSHAW,
Editor,
Co-operative News.

At the meeting of the branch held in November Mr. E. Mather, Chief Executive Officer of Co-operative Retail Services Limited, addressed the members on "A National Society". Discussion on this topic was continued at the January meeting when Mr. J. H. Perrow, Chief Officer of the Bolton and Wigan Society, spoke on "A National Society: Another Viewpoint". Both these meetings were well attended and received useful publicity in the "Co-operative News".

Yorkshire and Humberside

Joint Convenors :

MR. T. E. STEPHENSON, B.A. (DUNELM)
Department of Management Studies,
University of Leeds,

MR. S. P. CLARKE, C.S.D.,
Secretary and Chief Executive Officer,
Bradford Co-operative Society.

The continuing meeting of the Society held at Leeds University under the diligent care of Mr. Stephenson has proceeded. During the year this group has been considering the decision-making process in management, particularly in the light of emerging regional societies. This year it is hoped to extend this study from senior to middle management.

In October Mr. D. L. Wilkinson resigned as Secretary on his appointment as Research Officer for the Co-operative Union; his successor as Sectional Secretary, Mr. G. V. J. Pratt has now assumed the regional Secretaryship.

Scotland

Joint Convenors :

DR. T. F. CARBERY, M.SC.(ECON.), D.P.A.,
Senior Lecturer, Department of Commerce,
University of Strathclyde.

MR. G. R. GAY, J.P.,
President, St. Cuthbert's Co-operative Association.

At the meeting of the branch held in October an address was given by Professor Noel Branton of the University of Strathclyde's School of Business and Administration. The topic was "The Teaching of Co-operation and Co-operative Studies in Higher Education". This was a most stimulating address and as a result of the meeting useful publicity was achieved for the Society.