

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.

The next meeting of the branch will be addressed by Mr. D. A. R. McCallum, a Director of the London Society, who will present a paper on Superannuation Funds. This meeting was originally planned for 17th February but had to be postponed due to the power emergency.

Midland

Joint Convenors:

MR. M. GIBSON,
Department of Economics,
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MR. LLOYD A. HARRISON, C.S.D.,
Chief Executive Officer,
Greater Nottingham Co-operative Society.

For the session 1971-2 the branch has decided to concentrate on the topic "Co-operation in the Midlands—the next decade", discussing this general theme from both the democratic and economic aspects. Papers have been presented by Mr. M. Gibson of the University of Leicester and Mrs. J. Stansfield of the Greater Nottingham Society.

North Western

Joint Convenors:

MR. FRANK BRUCKSHAW,
Editor, *Co-operative News*.

MR. ROY GARRATT (Acting),
Librarian, Co-operative Union.

"The Co-operative Movement—the Prospects for Survival" is the sessional theme for 1972 and this was initiated in January with a lecture by Sir Robert Southern, C.B.E., General Secretary of the Co-operative Union, followed by a lively discussion. Sir Robert's remarks received extensive and useful publicity in the *Co-operative News*.