

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

igh office and Professor A.J. Eccles joins Rita
odes in the Vice-Chairmanship. Bob Houlton
s 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 Govern-
ment 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 public-
ations of particular Co-operative interest.