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AMONG THE SOCIETIES.—We had the pleasure last Monday evening of visiting Knox and Congregational Societies. The meetings were well attended. There was a larger percentage of young men present than we have usually at our services. At the Knox meeting, as near as we could count, there were fifty-two present—thirty-seven young women and fifteen young men. We saw no children. The service was led by Miss Murray, and the paper read was excellent. When the meeting was thrown open there was no waiting. Most of those taking part read passages of scripture. Mr. John Smith, the president, received us cordially, and on invitation, Mr. Calvert and the writer took part in the lesson. Knox Society is doing grand mission work in the North end of the city. Two members canvass each street and invite those called upon to come to their Mission church. This is practical work, and our society can profitably take a lesson from them in this department. The members of Knox Society are looking forward with deep interest to the coming Convention. A social is to be given on the 7th of October by this society. A splendid programme has been arranged for and they extend a cordial welcome. From the Knox we went over to the Congregational and we were at once struck with the larger number of very young people in attendance. There were present about eighteen young men out of a total of fifty or fifty-five. The members spoke quite readily and fluently on the lesson, and although rather late in the evening, we were again invited to take part in the service. This society, all through the summer, has had good attendance at its meetings and much practical good has been accomplished. A representative, Miss Edgar, was sent up to Paris recently, and helped to establish two C. E. Societies. This makes five societies that they have been instrumental in starting into life.—T. M.

WENTWORTH BAPTIST MISSION.

—This Society organized last June, and has now about fifteen active and fifteen associate members. There are six committees, viz., Look-out, Prayer, Social, Visiting, Sunday School and Tract. Our Secretary, Mr. Harris, was present Tuesday evening, Sept. 30th, to welcome the Society into the

Local Union, and asked them to appoint the necessary representatives, which they will do at their next meeting. Refreshments were served after the meeting to the visitors present.

WENTWORTH CHURCH SOCIETY.

—The meetings of this Society have been remarkably well attended during the Summer months, and the interest in them well sustained. As a result the members are well prepared to engage in a Fall and Winter campaign of very active work. The committees do excellent work, and besides its own distinctive duties, each has something to do that brings it directly into the work of the church. The Lookout Committee, for instance, has one of its members stand at the church door at all services, to welcome strangers and invite them to the meetings, and the Sunday School Committee keep a list of available auxiliary teachers, and take from the Superintendent the burden of filling the places of absentees. Like all the other Societies they look forward to the coming Convention with great hope.

THE PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

—Before another issue of our paper the Provincial Convention will be a thing of the past, and this, consequently, will be our last opportunity to say a word in its behalf. We have already pointed out the importance of such a meeting, and how great its benefits will be to those who take part in it if only by attending; and now that the preparations are almost complete, there is still clearer evidence that it will be a great convention, and that our anticipations are likely to be more than realized. Our own Society has been generously used by the Provincial Executive, no less than four of our members will take part in the Convention. Our Pastor will lead in the opening prayer; our President will give an address on the question of having a universal night of meeting for all societies; and our Recording Secretary, Mr. Harris, will lead the sunrise prayer-meeting on the opening morning of the Convention. One of our lady members will also take part. Our Church and Society will thus be well represented in the active work of the Convention. The programme is an excellent one, having in it some speakers of note; the singing will be good (W. H. Robinson has charge), and we are sure that the devotional meetings will be inspiring, and will receive the benediction of every Methodist who attends them.