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That if we could get this organized, it might be a great
help, - both to their adopted city & their native country. -
Such a lot of our money goes away up to London; - & there
is so much work needing to be done here. - But if we get the
Society - (or Union, or Guild) organized I believe it would help
enormously both in London & at home. - I think I know the
girl who could be secretary. - And we could easily have a
most influential Committee. - For one thing such a
Committee could tell us who take the shorting boxes, - & if they
could while they are up here, ^{give meetings etc.} They could rope in people
like Barrie, - & the Duffells, & the Buchers of Sutherland
help with your meetings! - I really do think they could
touch many people neither you nor we could get at
alone. - Do think about it, - & let me know how you think
it could be worked - or if you think we should attempt it.

The other tragic thing is - that we lose the Scottish Franchise
Banner. - The Cupar Society & the Orkney Society ^{at the Demonstration} Banners. ^{Apparently}
They were swept off into a cart. - How can you tell me the
names of the people who supplied carts? I must find them!
Ever yours sincerely
Alice Mansfield