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The Board of the W.A. for Ottawa Diocese meets in St George's School-room at 3.30 p.m on the second Monday of each month. All members of the W.A., whether residing in town or visiting, are heartily welcome. At the February meeting interesting letters were read by the organizing Secretary from Pembroke, Eganville, Almonte, Secretary R.D of Stormont and Secretary R.D. of Clayton. The Dorcas Secretary read letters from Osborne, Wales, Cornwall, Perth, and from the Prov. Dorcas Secretary; letters were also read from Rev. Mr. Norquy and Rev. A. Whalley. The Cor. Sec. was requested by the Board to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs Houston in her sad bereavement. The annual meeting was fixed for the 20th, 21st and 22nd of April, the Branches had been written to previously and replied that they were agreeable to any change that might be considered advisable by the Board. Rebate on freight amounted to \$20.40. After the general business had been transacted Arch. Phair gave an address upon the work done in his district among the Indians. He spoke very highly of the Rev. E. Thomas who is a very practical Indian worker, he can put up a church and then when it is finished preach a good sermon to his fellow-Indians in four languages. We hear very little about Mr. Thomas as he is rather frightened at the idea of writing to white people, he thinks they would want such a very grand letter. The Archdeacon explained why he was always anxious to have surplices, communion services, etc., for all the Indian churches, it is very important to *begin* in the right way with Indians, to accustom them from the first to see everything done decently and in order. He also mentioned the fact that all Indian congregations are *assessed*. Congregations of 1200 to 1400 Indians have given as much as \$70 for the white people. The Indians contribute well, they try hard to send up a good sum when they are called upon. Arch. Phair then told us how he had interviewed the Government and had been promised a much needed pump; a *Government* pump he was certain would be sure to work well. Then followed a graphic