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The Ottawa Board Meetings have been held both in July and August, but nothing of importance will be arranged until all are assembled after the holidays. Among other matters a re-arrangement will have to be made of the amount contributed by each Branch for the salary of the Lady Missionaries. We hope to have our President with us, and a representative for each country Branch. We do hope also to hear of new Branches being formed. September or October is the best time to begin work for the winter. We believe very often it would be best to find some lady for President other than the clergyman's wife. She may not be strong enough, or may already have too much to do in the parish, and why should not the Branch be formed under the leadership of some competent person, although, of course, with the consent of the clergyman? "The fields are white unto the harvest," and perhaps there are many who may be only waiting to have their sympathies aroused to give themselves or their means to this work. Who knows if the opportunity will be given us next year? Perhaps we are inclined to put off this good work also for a more convenient season, forgetting with the fashion of the age, that warnings as well as promises come from God. Here is one, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Let us, if we cannot open Branches in neighboring parishes, at least push the claims of our Missionary Literature. A couple of copies of *Mission News*, a dozen LEAFLETS may prepare the way for a Branch. We must *know* to be interested.