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**Quebec Diocese.****DIOCESAN MOTTO:**—"Ye have done it unto Me."

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The first of the monthly meetings of the Diocesan Branch will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 5th, when we hope to see a large gathering of members. The weekly and monthly evening meetings will again be resumed in the different Branches. We trust that they may be well and largely attended, and that a continued and steady attendance may be looked for at all the ensuing meetings. It is very disappointing, as also discouraging, to earnest workers, to see their fellow members gradually losing interest in that in which they made so good a start—with them as with a school boy's copy-book, we would wish to see a visible improvement as the work progresses. It is a small thing to give two hours weekly to mission work, and think of the results! How many a far off parish benefits by the work accomplished at these sewing meetings? We can picture the opening of a bale, and the eager and expectant looks on the faces of those who have the unpacking of it. We know ourselves, the pleasure we derive from any trifling gift sent to us through the post; but what is this compared to the joy and excitement caused by the arrival of a barrel or bale? Dear friends, don't give up this good work while you can give your time and help, a day will come (and it is not so far off) when you may not have either to offer—we don't keep our health and strength for ever; therefore while we have both let us put them to a good use.

It may be well to remind our members now, at the beginning of our working season, after the long summer holiday is over, of some of the most pressing of our responsibilities; and foremost amongst these comes our pledged assistance to the support of the Lady Medical Missionary in Japan. This is