

LETTER FROM GRANDE LIGNE.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Through the courtesy of the editors of THE WOODSTOCK COLLEGE MONTHLY we have the privilege of giving a few items on our work at Grande Ligne.

In spite of much precaution, the new edifice was not fully completed when school opened on Oct. 14th. A band of plumbers, painters and carpenters still hung about, disturbing us with their presence and noise. In three weeks' time, however, things were going on pretty smoothly—the workmen had left and the pupils had settled down to solid work.

At present we have one hundred and twenty-four pupils, eight, or rather seven, of whom are Roman Catholics, for one a fortnight after his entrance, having been allowed to go to his sister's (three miles away) for some clothing, came back a few days' later to pack up his trunk and leave, alleging that he was sick and could not study. It comes to mind just now, that when the lad's father asked for his admission he was reminded that it would be useless to reserve a place for him as the priest would eventually hear of it and interfere. "The priest attends to his affairs and I to mine," was the reply. How far he was right remains an open question. The names of more than twenty Roman Catholics were enrolled on our list this fall and only eight put in an appearance. This was owing very likely to the influence of the priests, who denounce from the pulpit those who send their children to Protestant schools. The ages of our pupils range from eleven, in exceptional cases, to high up in the twenties and the degree of scholarship is even more varied. On the one hand some are studying their A B C's, while others hold the degree of A. A. One class is preparing to enter college next session and a few of the girls are working in view of a diploma to teach in the Province. Whence an almost endless number of classes and a crushing amount of work on the shoulders of the teachers. Mental culture and general improvement is our great aim, but we labor equally to build up the character of the pupils after the Great Model. Knowing that one cannot be a man in the true sense of the word without being a believer in and a follower of Jesus, we strive to awaken in the hearts of the most indifferent one a true admiration and love for