

She warmly received these two young sisters as a gift from God. These two friends went to work immediately, relieving Madame Feller from all manual labor and leaving her free for her missionary work, visits among the sick and the afflicted. Unfortunately, Miss Jonte's companion could not endure the climate of Canada so after a short stay she returned to Europe. But Miss Jonte, as intelligent, as humble and unassuming, redoubled her efforts to aid Madame Feller in the school, nights and mornings when not in school, and sometimes till late at night. She did all she could no matter how humble or how fatiguing the work, she never refused to do it. She was ready for everything and glad to do good to all, for her hands and heart were to do His will, and her living, earnest, joyous piety brightened all she did. She walked with and worked for God. By the integrity of her character, her fidelity and exactness in the performance of duty she exerted an influence for good over the youth, the young disciples and all with whom she came in contact. The first ten or eleven years of the mission she was particularly active, for these were frequent visits from all sides of the missionary field—often two, three, five, ten, and sometimes more would come to spend one two or three days to enquire about the fulfilment of God's will and the way of salvation. In those cases where our missionary ladies equal to the task, these visits taking so much of their time and causing a great deal of work, but they always knew how to find time and to make the calls as pleasant as they were necessary in reading the Bible and praying with these persons, encouraging them to persevere in the way to heaven. During these eleven years in which Miss Jonte was connected with the work at Grande Ligne she was a precious help, in the true sense of the word, and a true friend to all who came there. In 1850 the missionaries after two years experience, convinced that the union of the two schools of boys and girls as it had been, was derogatory to the true interest of the scholars, resolved to separate them, and as the station of St. Pie was then the most flourishing in the mission they desired to open there a school for girls. This institution was entrusted to Miss Jonte and an American young lady Miss Ellen Boardman, from Burlington, Vt. who nobly performed their duties and triumphed over all difficulties that such a work would naturally have.

Two years after Mr. and Mrs. Lafleur were joined to this school, but after four years of encouragement and success, the Mission House was burned, and the following year, 1855, the Feller Institute was opened at St. Pie, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Lafleur, our dear "Aunt Jonte" as matron of the Institute. The experience and maturity that this dear sister had acquired in the preceding years made her a great help in this new school, which she loved with all her soul and to which she consecrated her whole heart. She remained nearly twenty years in this school, living with God, among her pupils, and waiting day by day, by the grace and mercy of God for their conversion. This part of her life was really the most important that she spent in Canada; it was a worthy continuation of her life at Grande Ligne, amidst duties, responsibilities and influences as numerous in as without the school. But one can not work incessantly for a long time without beginning to wear out. At the beginning of her stay at Longueuil she began to feel the first symptoms of heart-disease—nothing serious, the physician said, but which would require, to prevent development, care and treatment, which our noble sister could not always find time to give herself; for to her duty was always sacred, and nothing could induce her to neglect it. In spite of this malady and these infirmities, which increased with age, she sought no less to do her whole work and fulfil her duties, as in the past, finding each day in God the measure of force and grace which was necessary for her daily tasks. After Mr. and Mrs. Roux were placed in the Feller Institute Miss Jonte saw in it a providential chance to retire and test the feasibility of a long-cherished desire—to found at Grande Ligne a home or asylum for the aged—which desire was the last wish of our dear Mrs. Lafleur.