

## GRANDE LIGNE.

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DURING the past month we have been favored with visits from Mrs. E. Davies, of St. Armand, P.Q. ; Miss Marilla Bullock, of Roxton Pond, and Rev. N. Gregoire, of St. Pie. Mr. Gregoire supplied our pulpit in the absence of Pastor Parent, and gave us two very interesting and helpful sermons

We are looking forward with interest to the Conference of Grande Ligne Missionaries, to be held here on Wednesday, 23rd February, and to be followed, on Thursday, 24th, by the annual meeting of our Alumni Society. We expect two very interesting and profitable gatherings.

THERE are prospects that we shall soon have our mail-service much improved. Up to the present we have been subject too much to long delays with our out-going mails. So far all answers to incoming letters have been delayed thirty-six hours, while replies to Friday night's mail were subject to a delay of two days and a half. We have felt this very inconvenient and unsatisfactory. In answer to a petition however, the Government has sent out an inspector, who, after investigation, has given us hopes of having a daily out-going mail in the morning. This will shorten the delay to fourteen hours, and we believe it will make a quite satisfactory service. May we not be disappointed.

THE friends of Grande Ligne in general, and of Feller Institute in particular, will be very sorry to learn that our Principal, Rev. G. N. Massé, has again been laid aside from his work by ill-health. We had thought that he began the year's work with more than his usual energy and hopefulness of carrying it through successfully to the end of the year. But we were doomed to disappointment. The twelve years' constant anxiety and watchfulness of the Institute's interest, with the large amount of work this has required, have proved too much for his physical strength. Sleeplessness ensued, and now his physician has imperatively ordered at least a year's complete rest. At present he is resting at Waterloo, P.Q. We still hope that he may be able to resume his work next October. In the meantime the other teachers, with the help of Pastor Parent, have divided his work among themselves as best they can for the present.

ON January 29th took place the great event of the year in Grande Ligne sports. Ever since our skating rink has been flooded, the hockey enthusiasts have been practising, more or less faithfully, for their annual match with the old Grande Ligne boys now resident in Montreal. Unfortunately for the Montreal boys they were not so well supported as in past years. Though the thermometer registered 17 degrees below zero, the players managed to keep warm by playing a fast and exciting game. During the first half the visitors held their own fairly well, the score standing two to one for G. L. ; but in the second half Grande Ligne quickly added five more to their lead, winning altogether seven goals to Montreal's one. We wish Montreal better luck next time.