

## GRANDE LIGNE.

We miss from our halls and classes the familiar face of A. Pelletier, who has been laid aside by a severe illness.

We have just received the sad news of the death of Albin Jousse, one of our school-mates of last year. Albin was a pleasant and popular Christian boy of fourteen years of age. He had been ill for some time and was quite prepared for the end. His parents have our sincere sympathy in their deep affliction.

OUR Ladies' Society of Intellectual Culture seems to have completely eclipsed the Boys' Literary Society, for while the latter has suspended its meetings for a while, the former has developed unexpected strength. A week or two ago they gave us an evening's programme devoted to the life and works of Charles Dickens. The selections were well executed and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyed. We hope the ladies will be generous and soon give us another evening with another standard author.

Now that the allotment of taxes on the Catholic farmers for the new R. C. church is about to be made, many of the parishoners are beginning to think seriously of sending in their resignations to the priest, so as to escape the taxes that will fall very heavily upon their property. We have reliable information that already eight farmers have sent in legal notice of their resignations, and that others are about to do so. Others again are trying to take legal measures to prevent the re-partition of taxes being made at all. Would that these persons might not only throw off the bondage of Rome, but that they might also come into the true liberty of the gospel!

TUESDAY, Feb. 18th, was a day to be remembered in the Grande Ligne Baptist church. The evening train of that day brought to us Mr. and Mrs. Mellick of Manitoba, and Mrs. Thos. Graham of Montreal. Of course Mr. Mellick was to speak to us on Manitoba missions. Using his large and splendid map, he portrayed for us the vastness, the wonderful growth, varied population, and the magnificent possibilities of that splendid country. He explained Manitoba's noble position on the School Question, and showed that the Gospel among the people is the only means of finally settling it. We were told of the number and character of the French Catholics of Manitoba, and how poorly they compared with their Protestant neighbors. The speaker hoped that another Madame Feller might be raised up to give this people the Gospel, and urged that Grande Ligne should reach out her hand to help the French of Manitoba as well as those of Nova Scotia. It is needless to say that every one who heard Mr. Mellick's address enjoyed it thoroughly. A collection of over thirteen dollars was taken. We believe we shall be more interested in Manitoba and the Baptist work there henceforth.