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Having come here only in December last as a laborer of the Grande Ligne Mission you will easily understand that I have not as yet been able to accomplish much. The season was not favorable, and I found a good many things needing immediate repairs on the mission buildings, the chapel and the other buildings on the mission lot. In this I found the Protestants of the neighborhood very ready and zealous in giving aid for necessary repairs. I immediately began my work on Sundays and week day meetings and visiting, especially those at first who from inability, age, sickness or distance could not attend meetings at the chapel. I was everywhere very cordially welcomed.

Our Sunday morning services have been attended by a congregation varying from thirty to seventy persons, according to the state of the weather and the roads. They appear to be much enjoyed.

Our Sunday school is divided into three classes, one under the direction of my daughter, a former pupil of the Grande Ligne Institute, the other by my wife, and the third by myself. The adults of the congregation also attend this exercise. It is perhaps the best occasion to instruct our Protestant followers.

At our prayer meetings, on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, we often have Roman Catholics present. The brethren and even the sisters take an active part in these. It is the religious service which suffers most on account of the scattered condition of the congregation. The singular irregularity of the temperature has had its effect on the attendance at public worship.

At some of these meetings several of the brothers take an active part. As we have no place of worship in out stations, we hold our meetings from house to house, and though attended with some inconveniences, it has had the advantages of bringing them closer together in Christian fellowship.

I am happy to say that the Lord has blessed the feeble but sincere efforts of his servants. I find generally more interest and more zeal for spiritual things. We also see that the grace of God has been extended to the children on whom we lay our great hopes.

As for Roman Catholics they are of difficult access. However, on many occasions, they have heard of the truth of the