

GRANDE LIGNE.

It was only in September last that I was invited to take charge of this Church. It had been without a pastor for about a year. Although in that condition, it was well cared for, so far as the preaching was concerned ; for our missionaries in turn regularly supplied the pulpit. However, in cases of that kind, it is evident there can never be the same *esprit de corps*, the same zeal, as when, through the influence of one man, there is unity of effort, of thought, and of aim.

When to prepare a report, I came to look back over this brief period of time spent here, I find no reason to complain or be discouraged.

So long as the old apostolic term of warfare is the faithful image of the life of individual Christians and of local Churches, we need not be discouraged with our present state, but rather to take courage, work and hope. If there are still enemies without (and they are not lacking), there is comparative peace and harmony within. Old divisions seem to be gradually vanishing, and we pray that nothing may occur to revive them. Our services are well attended, even though the roads are not in good condition, or the weather favorable. We have often noticed with pleasure a team coming regularly each Sunday a distance of twelve miles in the muddy roads of autumn.

Interest is shown, not only by service attendance, but by activity and zeal for the prosperity of the church in every respect. The Ladies' Aid Society here deserves special mention, for the ladies have done all in their power to help us out of our financial difficulties.

Our Sunday School also has not been without interest during the fine season. Now it is greatly reduced, as it generally is in the winter, and it has, therefore, been thought best to have our classes unite with those at the Mission.

If the pulpit here has been well supplied, we cannot say as much of the out-stations connected with this field. They have been without a missionary for a year or more. I have been able to visit them only once since I came here. It is very desirable to have an Evangelist to go to them at least once a month.

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