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The Grande=Ligne Mission.

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The little band of laborers in connection with this Mission have, with the help of their many friends, continued their varied work of evangelization, of pastoral care and edification of churches, of instruction of the young in primary schools, and of higher education in the Feller Institute.

As usual, we have met with the very natural opposition, open or secret, from the clerical leaders of a people whose minds they have moulded, whose consciences they have formed or distorted, and who have come to think that their religion is the best, indeed the only good one. There have been not a few who have resisted this moulding process, who, being required to believe too much of what is incredible, have taken refuge in unbelief, and, with very wrong notions of the true Christian religion, have become just as inaccessible to the Gospel as the most superstitious. It is just as easy to find Pharisees and Sadducees here as it was in the time of our Lord in Palestine.

In the pursuance of this work of evangelization and reformation among a people nominally Christian, we have the satisfaction of imitating, in one marked feature at least, the example of the Divine Master himself and that of his first disciples, viz., of preaching the Gospel of the grace of God among a people who profess a religion which they say is established by God himself, just as the Israelites did, and many of them are as jealous as the Jews were to maintain the doctrines and practices of their religion, though in most cases ignorant of the inner truth of that religion. So that whatever fault may be found with us for interfering with other people's religion, that rebuke must also reach the great Divine Reformer who gave us the example.