

GRANDE LIGNE.

Mrs. A. E. Massé, who has been called away lately by the very sudden death of her sister, has the deepest sympathy of all the students.

Elocution is receiving marked attention among our students. Three Friday evenings lately have been devoted to declamatory exercises. The success of the different boys has been very varied, but all have shown improvement. Of course considerable reticence and awkwardness was shown at first, but with confidence marked improvement has been made. At the close of our last meeting we took the opportunity of expressing our esteem for Miss Piché, on the occasion of her birthday, by an appropriate gift. Miss Piché is a favorite at Grande Ligne, and is highly esteemed by all for her untiring energy and thoroughness as a teacher.

Our annual Students' Society meeting was held on February 28th. It was this year of more than ordinary interest. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance was the largest in the history of the Society. The afternoon session was devoted to business. Mr. Therrien, B.A., presided, and conducted the meeting with order and dispatch. The evening session gave us a delightfully varied programme. Our veteran missionary, Rev. Theo. Laffeur, charmed and instructed the audience by a very racy paper on "La Nuit." As we looked upon the crowded audience and thought that it was composed of Baptist French Protestants, our hearts were encouraged and strengthened, for we felt that Protestants are a *power* in Quebec.

On the fifth of March a special train came from Montreal, carrying passengers from the surrounding country to the famous shrine of St. Blaise, the great healer of sore throats. We Grande Ligners consider it a great honor to live in such close proximity to the great healer. We have not found the shrine very efficacious, lack of faith on our part, we suppose, being the reason. Several Feller boys went on the same day to be cured of the mumps, of which we have a good supply in our school. Alas! the boys look just as robust about the countenance as ever, and the great healer cannot yet claim a cure at Grande Ligne, much to our sorrow.

Sometimes in looking over the MONTHLY we read glowing accounts of class rallies and dinners, or socials, and "at-homes," therefore we think it not out of place to say a few words about an event of interest to some of us, which is to take place at the "Windsor" this week. There is an impression among many people that our boys at Grande Ligne are compelled to speak French all the time. This is far from the truth. It has become so common for the students to speak English that a considerable number of boys have banded themselves together into a sort of club, in which each member is under solemn pledge and compact to pay a cent a week for every English word he speaks. Thus, during the year not a few cents are collected. All this is used to provide a great dinner at the "Windsor," for the members of the Club. We are inclined to think that the penalty for speaking English is not so severe as it ought to be.