

Government, calling on it either to return to the Society for publication valuable historical MSS. removed by the Government to the Provincial archives, or to make good moneys expended by the Society, to procure, copy, or bind these documents in volumes.

Thanks to the activity displayed by the President, the Very Rev. Dean Norman, D. D., assisted by the Librarian, Mr. Peter Johnston, satisfactory progress has been made with the Endowment Fund. Nearly \$2,000 out of \$3,000 promised are now deposited to the credit of the Society in the Quebec Bank, and it is confidently hoped that this amount will soon reach \$5,000. In connection with the above, it may not be amiss to print here the hearty response of Professor James Douglas, late of Quebec, to an appeal for help recently made to him.

" THE VERY REVEREND DEAN NORMAN,

" Quebec,

" Canada.

" MY DEAR DEAN,

" I had the pleasure of calling upon you last summer on the subject of a fund for the future security of the Literary and Historical Society. Every Quebecer, whether a resident or non-resident, should feel pride in the old Society. It is one of the oldest on the continent, and I especially, who was more than once its President, still feel a deep interest in its welfare. I offered to subscribe \$500 if a fund of sufficient magnitude could be raised to ensure its stability in the future. I am willing to increase that amount to \$1,000, to be paid in three equal annual instalments, if \$10,000 can be secured.

" I heartily hope that you will succeed in your laudable efforts to raise this fund.

" I am,

" Yours faithfully,

" J. DOUGLAS,

" 99 John street, New York ".

1st. The Society has the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of \$25 from His Excellency, the Earl of Aberdeen, as a mark of sympathy with, and a recognition of the work of the Society.

2nd. An extremely advantageous arrangement has recently been entered into with Mr. Raoul Renault, proprietor of the monthly magazine *Le Courrier du Livre*, to publish our