

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

ARICHAT, C. B., March 29th 1876.

Soon after taking charge of this parish I ascertained it had not subscribed for the D. C. S. for some years, but the accompanying list shows that it practically recognises the just claims of the Society in every parish and mission in this Diocese. I thankfully accept it as a token that the future will make up for the past. Considering the "hard times"—the outlay, last year, in the interior of the old parish church, which received a thorough renovation, and there being a debt on the parsonage, I think the D. C. S. will admit that Arichat has generously responded to the Society's circular of last July.

A few gentlemen, engaged in the enlargement of St. Peter's Canal, very liberally contributed to the funds of the "D. C. S." to whom our hearty thanks are due.

M. M. YOUNG.

ANNAPOLIS, March 18th, 1876.

Please find enclosed cheque for \$81.00, being contribution from Granville to D. C. S.

It affords me much gratification in being able to state, that the amount now forwarded exceeds that of any previous year of my Incumbency, extending over a space of sixteen years—thus proving that the interest in the Society, has been steadily, even if slowly increasing—and although it may not be my pleasure to again collect for the D. C. S. in this Parish, yet I trust that it may even do better in the future than it has in the past.

Had it not been for the scarcity of money of the universal depression of business, the sum forwarded would have been much larger, as several persons expressed a strong desire to give, but had not the means.

H. DEBLOIS.

SHELBURNE, Feby. 1st 1876.

The Church at Lockeport, exists only in a subscription paper and in the hearts of the people; they are determined to have a Church and hope to commence in the spring. The plan has been provided by Mr. Norfolk, and is a very nice orthodox looking building, estimating from \$2 000 to \$2,500, we have only \$500 in hand, and the ground for site, but this is being added to almost weekly, by Concerts, Sewing Societies, etc; (we have not *honoured* Halifax yet, by descending on it for help, but we hope to during the Summer.) Our congregations there keep up their number and interest, but still I feel that we cannot do any thing in a decided way till we get a Church. I have no Sunday School, as yet, but hope to get one on the return of a gentleman now in Halifax.

CECIL F. WIGGINS.

YARMOUTH, March 30, 1876.

Last year, 1875, we remitted for the *general* purposes of the Society \$272 the largest amount we had ever sent in any one year; notwithstanding the prevailing scarcity of money of which I then spoke. That scarcity still continues to

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