

## CHAPTER III.

**St. Vincent of Paul Society**

TABLET TO MR. ELMSLEY—SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH—  
REV. FATHERS VINCENT, FERGUSON,  
AND CHALANDARD.

The Society of St. Vincent of Paul was established in Toronto in 1850 by Mr. George M. Muir, of Quebec.

The Hon. John Elmsley joined the Society and was given the position of Keeper of the Vestuary, meaning that he had charge of the clothing collected for the poor. From the very first Mr. Elmsley took a most active and zealous interest in the work of the Society.

Towards the close of the year 1856, after the completion of St. Basil's Church, he moved for the organization of a Conference in the north end of the city. He received the necessary authorization, and an organization meeting was held on the 11th of January,