

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Executive Committee of the Church Association of the Diocese of Toronto, in presenting their first Annual Report, beg leave to congratulate the Association on the hearty unanimity which has characterized its labors, and on the success which has attended the means thus far employed in carrying out its aims.

The Church Association was formed on the 19th June, 1873, when thirty-seven clergymen and lay members of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Toronto, signed the declaration of its organization. So soon as its formation became known, additional members sent in their names and expressed their hearty sympathy with the purposes in view.

At the preliminary meeting held thereafter in the school-room of St. James' Cathedral, the Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto was called to the chair; J. Gillespie, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary, and on the motion of the Hon. James Patton, Q.C., seconded by William Magrath, Esq., D.C.L., it was resolved that the name of the Association shall be the Church Association of the Diocese of Toronto.

On the motion of the Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake, seconded by A. H. Campbell, Esq., a committee was named to draw up a Constitution and Rules for the guidance of the Association.

At an adjourned meeting held on the 14th August—the Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto in the chair—the Association was fully organized by the election of the following officers and Executive Committee:—

President.—The Hon. Chief Justice W. H. Draper, C.B.

Vice-Presidents.—The Very Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., Dean of Toronto; the Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake; Prof. Daniel Wilson, LL.D.

Executive Committee.—Charles James Blomfield, Esq., Peterborough; Archibald H. Campbell, Esq., Peterborough; Lieut. Colonel G. H. Grierson, Oshawa; Lieut. Colonel C. S. Gzowski; J. George Hodgins, Esq., LL.D.; William Magrath, Esq., Credit; Rev. F. A. O'Meara, LL.D., Port Hope; Hon. James Patton, Q.C.; William Powis, Esq., Hamilton; Rev. A. Sanson; Rev. Rural Dean A. Stewart, M.A., Orillia; Kivas Tully, Esq., C.E.