

St. John the Baptist, and hence his name has in a measure become similarly associated, not with any special locality, but with the country at large. Hence it has been suggested that the community should be known as "THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST."

II. This Sisterhood having special duties to perform, must have a special uniform by which both its Members and others may be kept mindful of their character and work. Experience has shown that a grave distinctive dress is an absolute necessity, in order to secure for the inmates of the House that protection and respect which is needful in the discharge of their work. While this dress is sufficiently distinctive to secure these ends, it is not such as is likely to give offence or unnecessarily to excite prejudice.

III. Although commenced by a lady from England, to whom we shall always owe a debt of deep gratitude, the community has now become and is intended to remain a purely Canadian Institution. The difference in ecclesiastical atmosphere, social customs, and conventional habits which has in course of time grown up between this and the mother country, is now too strongly marked to render the employment of English Sisters desirable for anything beyond the mere initiation of the work, even supposing their services could be obtained.

IV. The need of such works of mercy as the Members of this community discharge, is very urgent, and the calls made upon them have been too numerous for them to respond to fully. The brief notice of their work (hereunto appended) for nine months of the past year, during a considerable part of which there were but two ladies in the Home, will show how much may be done by systematic and devoted work.

V. A Canadian lady, the daughter of a Clergyman, well