

THE CHURCH SISTERHOOD, TORONTO.

The Committee charged with the furtherance of the Church Sisterhood, desire to bring before the Members of the Church at large, a brief record of its history for the past—its prospects for the future—and would gladly enlist their sympathies and assistance on behalf of the much-needed work to which this benevolent community devotes itself.

I. The Committee wish that it should be distinctly understood that the Sisterhood is not a Parochial Institution, and (as the record hereunto attached, plainly shows,) extends such good offices as its Members can fulfil to all who stand in need of help, irrespective of creed, sex, circumstances, or locality. There is a not unnatural tendency to call the community "The Holy Trinity Sisterhood," in consequence of its having its home in that Parish, and the Rector-Assistant thereof being for the present its Warden and Chaplain. But the hope is entertained that in course of time it may grow in strength, numbers, and usefulness, until in future years it may extend its labors of benevolence far and wide, not through this Province only, but throughout the whole Dominion. It would manifestly be better to have one great Sisterhood for the Church in Canada, than to found a number of small and feeble communities. A name therefore which would in some measure indicate this widely extended and non-parochial character would be desirable. Now, certain names have a national significance: as St. George for England, St. Patrick for Ireland, St. Andrew for Scotland, St. Denis for France. Canada was discovered on the Festival of