

TO THE CITIZENS OF TORONTO.

“The Report of the Committee appointed to take charge of your contributions for the poor, and to see to their effective distribution for the purposes intended, will give you information relative to the discharge of the duties assigned to it. The extent of human suffering in this City could only be discovered by the searching operations of an Institution similar to that which your Committee has established; and your benefactions could only be made to minister relief to the sufferers, in its largest degree, through the channel of such an institution, whose tendency is to discriminate between the actual and the pretended poor, and to distribute the charity accordingly. The advantages of the system pursued are many—to state some of them:—

- 1st. It will ultimately put down street-begging.
- 2nd. It will drive the indolent and intemperate to seek labour in the country.
- 3rd. The real objects of sympathy will be better taken care of.
- 4th. It will be a pecuniary advantage to the public, as waste of charity will be prevented.
- 5th. Much immorality, and the wretchedness attending it, will be prevented.”

To accomplish these objects, the co-operation of the benevolent is earnestly solicited:—

- 1st. By furnishing means of clothing and supporting the poor by cast-off dresses, old shoes, etc., remnants of cloth, and such like; and by donations of provisions and money.
- 2nd. By furnishing employment for the poor—and finding places for servants and apprentices—common needle work—knitting, and other kinds of work, may be done by the inmates of the house.—The Committee will guarantee the safety of whatever work may be sent to the Superintendent for the poor.
- 3rd. By visiting the House of Industry and personally inspecting the cases relieved, and countenancing and encouraging the inmates in the discharge of their duties.

P. S.—Donations of money may be sent to James E. Small, Esq., Treasurer,—all other donations may be sent to the Establishment, on Richmond Street—or will be sent for, if required.