

OUR TASK IN CANADA

CHAPTER I.

VALUE AND USE OF THE CHURCH.

OUR interest in Christian missions turns on our estimate of the Church of Jesus Christ. Our day is sceptical in some directions as regards the Church, yet professes much respect for Jesus Christ; but in a day when we consider organization one of the most highly necessary elements of success, business or political, our respect for Jesus Christ should make it obligatory on us to believe that He would found an organization to disseminate His ideas. Our appraisement of Jesus Christ should compel us to believe that He organized something for that purpose, even if we had no record of its inception. But the Holy Scriptures do not leave us in any uncertainty here. God's most ancient organizations on the earth are the family and the Church. The family precedes the Church, and to this day the Christian home is the citadel of the nation. But religion, which is the intercourse of the soul with God, and the activity resultant from that intercourse, had to be propa-