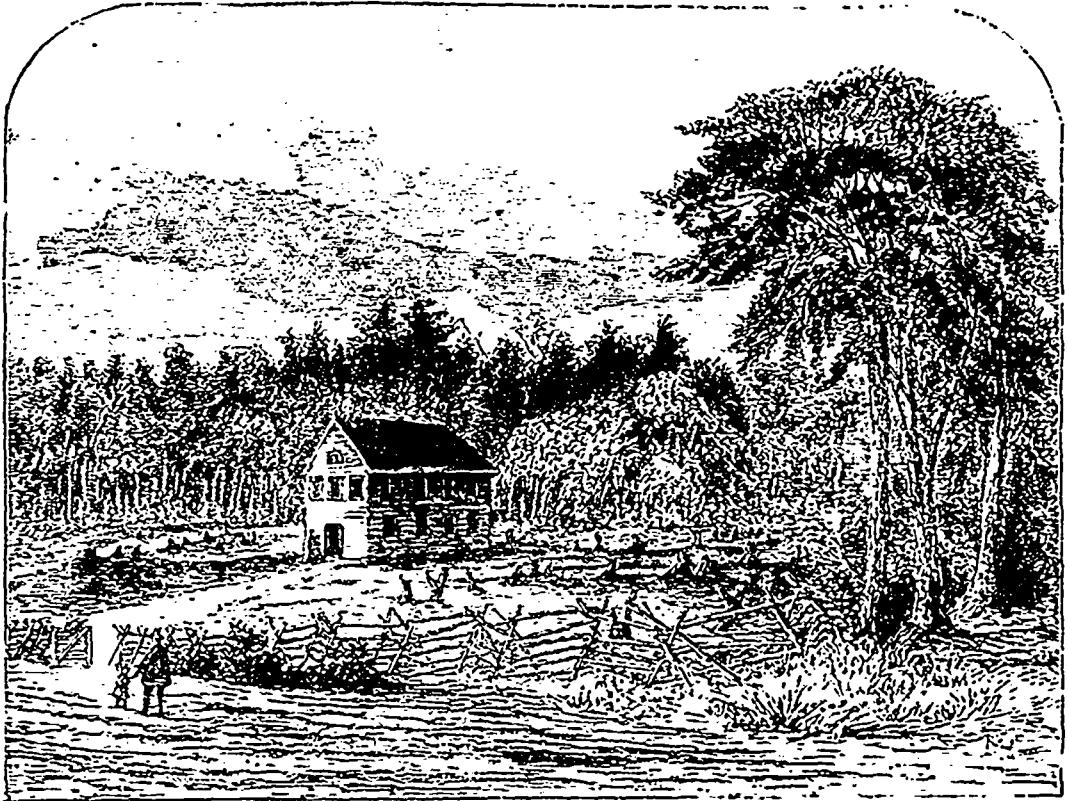


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ONE of the finest cities in Canada is the City of Toronto: yet there are people now living who remember when it was nearly all woods and mud! One of the finest churches in Canada is St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. Its steeple is one of the highest spires in the world; yet St. James' Church, Toronto, was once a funny little frame building, standing in the woods, as you see it in the picture. This was when Toronto was called "Muddy Little York." It is hard to fancy that now, yet all cities were once like that.

London itself, in England, was once only a tangled forest, and then a collection of huts amid the trees. But, then, that was a very long time ago. Cities did not grow so fast then as they do now. People want to see their towns grow

into cities at once—like Winnipeg. It seems only a few years ago since Winnipeg was only a Hudson's Bay fort. Now it is a fine city. Canada, therefore, is improving, and before long it will be a splendid country. Church people ought to remember the church that they belong to, and help it, so that it, too, may grow with the country. St. James', Toronto, was helped from England when it was a small little frame building in the woods, and in the Northwest and backwoods of Canada everywhere there are little wooden churches in the bush which will some day become great and strong. But now that they are weak, they need help.

This is the meaning of our mission funds. All the strong churches should think of the time when they themselves were weak, and so send help where they can, so that others, too, may become strong.