



them, it is said, he was more familiar with Chippeway than with English."

The following extracts are from a letter written at "Rice Lake, Feb. 15, 1831." They reflect the difficulties of travel in these early days:

"Dear Father:--Through the mercies of God I arrived here on Saturday evening. I was disappointed in getting down in the the stage, it being so full. But I happened to find a man going right down to Cobourg: he took me in and carried me as far as Shaw's tavern. He there had some friends to visit, and said he would call in the morning early and take me on; but I saw no more of him. I then got an opportunity with the landlord as far as Port Hope. Here I was obliged to leave my trunk, not getting any chance to carry it. I have not heard from it, but expect it came down in yesterday's stage." In a letter written during the following April he says:--"I think of stopping till the camp meeting, which will probably be at Haldimand Four Corners, just below Cobourg, on the 12th. of June. In a later letter written at Colborne, June 13, 1831, he makes another reference to the camp meeting. At that time he was on his way east to the Mohawk Mission. In the following year he was licensed to preach. The licence is dated Whitby, to which circuit he then belonged, June 30, 1832, and was signed "E. Ryerson, P. E."

Feeling the necessity for further education he decided to enter the St. Lawrence Seminary at Potsdam, N. Y. and in September, 1832, proceeded to Cobourg to take the steamboat "The wind was so high", his biographer states, "and the lake so boisterous, that the boat dare not come in to the shore. Consequently the passengers were obliged to trust themselves in a small boat, and row two or three miles to reach her. When they got on board they found but little comfort. The sea ran high, the passengers were frightened, the children cried, the ladies shrieked; meanwhile the heaving and tossing of the boat loosened sundry barrels from their fastenings, and sent them tumbling and rumbling about the deck in promiscuous confusion. - - - Even the black firemen, generally so reck-

garding the latter place he writes: It was in this year (1827) that the mission was established at Rice Lake under the care of Miss Barns, now Mrs. Case, and Mr. Biggar, a very pious young man.--The Rice Lake Mission is now, and ever has been, one of the most promising. Among the others who have laboured there, perhaps none have been more useful than James Evans. Both he and Mrs. Evans are peculiarly fitted for the missionary field. - - - Although Mr. Evans' health was very feeble, yet he had a resolution of mind which I never saw equalled. No danger could daunt, no misfortune dishearten him." The letters of the Rev. James Evans were published in 1932 in the "Papers and Records" of the O.H.S. In these letters are various references to Cobourg where Mrs. Evans made her home for a time when her husband was labouring at Sault Ste Marie. While there he became the close friend of John Dugald Cameron, a Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, who spent his declining years in Grafton.

Mr. Hurd's letters and other writings reflect a strong and devoted personality. He had his convictions and did not hesitate about stating them. Referring to a journey in New York State he writes: "Things went on very pleasantly, only I had to quarrel with a fellow (I don't say gentleman) for smoking in the coach, and puffing his loathsome and narcotic fumes in the face of ladies and decent people"! Again he writes:--"If there's a place on earth 'where the worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched', it is the infernal distillery, where the spiral worm oozes forth the liquid fire, day and night, which has consumed its millions of our species". Here speaks the spirit that produced "conviction of sin" in the camp meeting, one of the most potent restraining forces in pioneer society. If Pahwahsayashkunk, as the Indians called him, had lived to conduct further missionary labours he would undoubtedly have made a great man for himself. We include him as a typical representative of a class of men who made a worthy contribution to the religious life of the district over a century ago.

## Warkworth

Mr. Kent Buchanan of Toronto University spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Buchanan.

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