

SARNIA METHODISM

the fifties, to advertise their business houses as on "Trongate St." (now Front St.) after their beloved Trongate in Glasgow, and we think to-day the unprejudiced mind wishes that old and historic name had been retained.

The growth of Sarnia was slow, and when in 1846, Smith published his "Canadian Gazateer," he gives "the population of Sarnia about 420 and five churches and chapels, viz., Episcopal, Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational."

JAMES EVANS

"There was a man sent from God."—John 1:6.

The second Conference appointment was that of James Evans, a man destined to write his name high, and make that name great, in the missionary work of Canada.

In the Christian Guardian of Oct. 1, 1834, we find the following letter from him:

"St. Clair, Sept. 17, 1834"

"On Sat., June 28, started from St. Catharines (my old circuit) for my present field of labor."

"Sun., 29, we spent in Buffalo."

"Mon., 30. On board the General Porter on Lake Erie."

"Tues., July 1. Passed Fort Malden."

"Wed. and Thurs., 2, 3. Detained in Detroit for the boat."

"Fri., 4. Leaving Detroit in the steamer, General Gratiot."

"Sat., 5th. Through the Divine blessing, we this morning arrived in safety at our destination, and a more beautiful spot I have not seen in Upper Canada."

"Sun., 6th. Worship with some Indians, who came to the Mission House."

"Preached in the afternoon, on the shores of Lake Huron, twelve miles from the mission, to a small but attentive congregation, some of whom came seven or eight miles, and few less than two or three, through mud and brush."

"Sept. 15. Now my labors are according to my instructions principally confined to the Indians. However, I endeavor to preach on Sabbath afternoons at other places, and I have during the absence of the missionary on the American side, who is gone to Conference, supplied the appointment at Black River, opposite this station. Am asked also to go into the new townships which are now very fast settling."

James Evans.

For four years, James Evans in truly apostolic labors,