

with a strong desire to follow his father's calling and live at home upon the sea. The smell of the salt water had great attractions for him, and when only eight years of age he was a good swimmer, evidently equipped for the hardships and daring of an old salt. The sea-captain did not entertain the same opinions as the youth, and determined to destroy his foolish desires by taking him to sea, that he might prove the folly of his choice. When only eight years of age, he was taken by his father upon two voyages, one to Dantzic, and the other to Copenhagen. He was subjected to very hard fare during these trial trips, and whether or not they had the desired effect, at any rate he was not destined to be a sailor, although the lessons learned at this time proved to be of great service to him in after life, as he labored amongst the Indian tribes in the Dominion.

His father took command of a transport and troopship named the *Triton*, and sailed for the Mediterranean, where the mother of James and his youngest brother joined the ship. James and his brother Ephraim—now the Rev. Dr. Ephraim Evans, of London, Ontario—were sent to a boarding school in Lincolnshire, to continue their studies during the absence of their parents, and at this school James remained until he was fifteen years old.

He was afterwards apprenticed to a grocer, that he