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Utah. His base for his travels was in Faversham, a medieval market town built in the 18th century that was well known for its gunpowder mills.

If there was any doubt of his growing spiritual maturity and prowess, his journal indicate a more assertive and forceful missionary throughout his year plus of service in Kent-a region that includes Canterbury and Dover, both historic communities in England. He was clearly more bold and forthright in his teaching and in effort to spread the gospel.

On one occasion while in Northam, he was threatened by a policeman who said he would lock him up if he made any disturbance. But Ezra James wanted to hold an open meeting and pushed the matter with a shopkeeper and a group of youth in the region. The shopkeeper offered a local meadow for his outdoor chapel.

"I did not hope to get them to go to the meadow and so commenced informing the people, all men and boys, about Joseph the prophet's being only between the age of 14 and 15 years when he received his First Vision and the policeman came along with the ruff words 'move on lads.' At this the man who offered us the meadow, who was in his door, told the policeman that he would not be half so anxious to move a crowd at another time at this 2 or 3 shouted good, good. This made them quite willing with what they had already heard to go to the meadow. We went and had a good meeting."

Gentle like a lamb

Ezra James was more forceful in teaching the truth, his journals show, but he still had the disposition and gentleness of a lamb. He seemed to stew over every sick member and elder, and his concern for the welfare of others exceeded that which he had for himself. He would note any kindness or consideration shown him as well by members or strangers, whether it was a member who walked part of a distance with him or an officer who gave him information or treated him with respect. That concern for others, doubtless, made him easy to trust and befriend for the members and elders with whom he labored.

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