

This brave, but modest little woman, was born at Summertown, Glengarry County, Ontario, in 1836.

Her mother dying while Lucy was still too young to remember her, she was adopted by her father's sister, Mrs. Buchanan of Dundee, Que. Here she was tenderly cared for and brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

From an early age the desire to learn and impart knowledge was a marked characteristic of the child.

When old enough to pass from the Dundee district school, Miss Baker finished her preliminary education at a very good educational institution at Fort Covington, N.Y. After graduating from this school, she returned to Dundee to teach. She also took an active part in the Missionary and Sunday School work of Zion Church, of which she was a consistent member, Rev. Donald Ross being the minister. Some time after this Mr. Ross was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian congregation at Lancaster, Ont., and probably it was on his recommendation that Miss Baker became for some time a teacher in that village. As the writer has been unable to ascertain the correct dates of the events of this stage of Miss Baker's career, they may not be recorded in their proper sequence, but the facts are as given by one of her relatives, and are, no doubt, accurate, and show unmistakably how an over-ruling Providence was fitting a willing and obedient daughter for her future life.

An important step in Miss Baker's preparation was her being called upon to accompany an invalid relative to France. While there she perfected herself in French, which she afterwards taught and spoke with fluency.

This visit to Europe was made in 1876, but Miss Baker must have had a good knowledge of the language previous to that time as, associated with another cousin, Mrs. Grubb, formerly Juliet Buchanan, she had taught French in a ladies' day and boarding school somewhere in New Jersey. Mrs. Grubb and Miss Baker were carrying on a ladies' school at New Orleans at the time the Civil war, between north and south, broke out. They had quite a trying and exciting experience before reaching the north again, having difficulty in