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The first woman who practised medicine in Canada

PIONEER CANADIAN WOMEN *By Emily P. Weaver*

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IT is difficult to add a descriptive epithet to the name of Emily Howard Jennings Stowe, because she was a pioneer in so many fields. She was the first of Canadian women to become principal of a public school and the first to practise medicine in Canada. She was also the founder of a women's club which developed into the first Canadian association organized to work for the extension of the parliamentary franchise "to

women who possess the qualifications which entitle men to vote". As a pioneer, she had to face misunderstanding, obloquy, ridicule, and it has been said, "It is difficult to realize the intellect, energy, perseverance and courage necessary to be and do what Dr. Stowe was and did".

Like other valiant fighters in freedom's cause, Dr. Stowe was descended from a Quaker ancestry. Her parents were pioneers in the literal sense of the word, for they settled in Oxford County when the country was cov-