

higher and professional education, during the last half century, has given an impetus to the march of progress unparalleled in human history.

The advent in Toronto of Dr. Emily Howard Stowe opened the medical profession to women. Dr. Stowe was the first Canadian woman to practice medicine in Canada, born, and educated in Ontario, a teacher by profession. Previous to marriage, Dr. Stowe was a principal in a public school in Brantford, an unique position for a young woman in those days. Subsequent to Dr. Stowe's marriage she determined to carry out a long-cherished purpose, that of preparing for a medical career. To accomplish this result Dr. Stowe was obliged to go to New York City, graduating from the Woman's New York Medical College, she then returned to her native land and decided to settle in Toronto. By temperament, Dr. Stowe was pre-eminently, a pioneer, and reformer; not alone in teaching and medicine, but in all moral and social reforms; her great courage, and fortitude, amidst all discouragements, was truly remarkable; failure in any project impossible, for to her the meaning of the word was unknown. Ever ready to espouse any cause, no matter how unpopular, if that cause were characterized by justice and right. A woman, who lived at a time when but few opportunities presented for women, and who passed her life in a constant endeavor to better conditions for all oppressed classes; but who stood unswervingly, for freer