

The Life of
Lydia Becker

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Who is Lydia Becker?



Lydia Ernestine Becker was born in 1827.

She was born in Manchester.



She lived with her family at Moorside House.

This is in Altham, near Accrington.



She loved to read and write.

She wrote her first letter when she was 9 years old.

She studied botany.

Botany is learning about plants.



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She won a gold medal for her way of drying out plants.



In 1870 she founded the Women's Suffrage Journal.

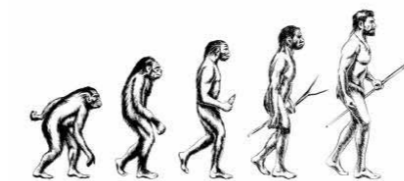
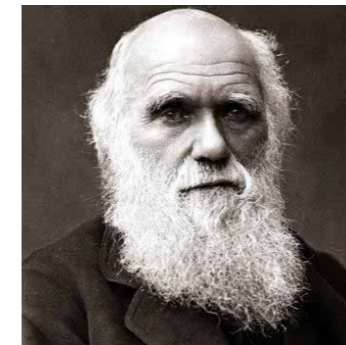
She was the editor of this newspaper.

This was 50 years before women were allowed to vote.

She wrote letters to important people across Europe.

One of the people she wrote to was Charles Darwin.

Charles Darwin is famous for his theory of evolution.



Evolution is how living things change over time.

In 1874, Emmeline Pankhurst saw Lydia give a talk.

Lydia helped and taught Emmeline.

Emmeline is a very important person for women's rights.



Women's Rights



Lydia asked why women were not allowed to vote or go to school.



She wrote a letter to The Times newspaper in London about this.



In 1867, she helped to set up Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage.

This was one of the first official groups to talk about women's rights.



Suffrage means the right to vote.



Lydia worked with Millicent Fawcett.

Millicent is also a very important person for women's rights.



You can see her name on the gravestone.



She has a memorial plaque near Moorside house.

It can be found near the canal bridge.



Lydia's name is also on the Reformers Memorial in London.

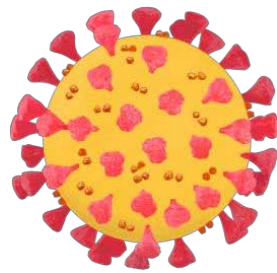
The reformers memorial is to remember people who campaigned for change.

Lydia's Legacy



Lydia died in 1890.

She died in Geneva, Switzerland.



She died from diphtheria.

Diphtheria is an infection.

Moorside House



Moorside House is still standing.

It is now a family home to the Groves family.



There is a blue plaque on the house to remember Lydia Becker.



There is a family gravestone at St James' Church in Altham.