

14. What steps were taken by your Executive, under whose orders I had gone to England, to see that the expenses of that mission (\$750.00) were defrayed?

No answer: No steps. I was left to meet the expense myself.

15. The names and addresses of two Secretaries whom I appointed for the Imperial Chapter, with Head Office in London; and what action was taken *re* this Chapter?

No answer: A reply is refused me, and as I kept no memo of this it is easy to see the delightful memories which some ladies in London must have of my visit.

These questions (without the replies from me) were of course duly signed, and I had the following acknowledgment:—

TORONTO, Oct. 8, 1907.

DEAR MADAM:—

I beg to acknowledge your communication of Sept. 28, which will be read at the first meeting of our Executive Committee.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) MARY HELENA COLLETT, Sec.

And later I received the following:—

I have much pleasure in informing you that the date of the meeting of the Executive has been announced for Wed. the 6th. November.

(Signed) MARY HELENA COLLETT, Sec.

At this date, Dec. 31, 1907, I have no reply from the Executive.

Sept. 27, 1907

DEAR MRS. HOLDEN:

In preparing my reply to your "Standard-Bearer" article in *Canada First* I regret that I have not received from you a satisfactory explanation that I can publish regarding your authority for your statements. When a lady, occupying the high and trusted position of "Standard-Bearer" in a responsible Society, makes official assertions in public, she is generally expected to be eager to quote her authority, should the authority be questioned. It is her first duty to her *assertions*, to her *Society* and to *herself*. When this duty is evaded, or trifled with, there can be only one conclusion that the public can arrive at. I am glad once more to give you the opportunity of vindicating your position before I send my statement to the printer.

Believe me,

With all kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

MARGARET POLSON MURRAY