

The letters from Her Excellency are here and also the minutes of that time, but if there is anything which the officers do not know and which you think they ought to be told, will you not write to the office and make your statement? It would be absolutely impossible to call a meeting at this date, as there is no precedent of a meeting having been called in summer, and I do not know what you wish.

Dear Mrs. Murray, will you state to me in strict confidence, if you desire it, what it is you do wish? I must put you right on one subject you mention in your letter. I never called a meeting in Montreal. I merely asked the Regent holding office there to come and see me with any one she liked to bring. This was done with a view to amalgamating in our work in a friendly manner, not of obtaining information from them. They informed Mrs. Land and myself that you had resigned in February of that year* from the Executive, and I saw you after and asked about this. I understood you to say it was so. Likely then, any work taken up by the Order is to be accredited to it? Is this not as you would wish it? To me it seems the only thing that could be, but let me have your views

The I.O.D.E. is an entirely new organization, is it not? With a different Name, Badge, Motto and Charter, carrying on the work originated by you and at your earnest request, is this not also correct?

I am very sorry that you seem displeased, but I really do not see what you wish corrected. Will you not say?

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

E. B. NORDHEIMER.

To my knowledge you have always been accredited as fully as possible with all honor for the splendid idea of the work and I am sure no one in the I.O.D.E. would wish it to be otherwise, could they? It is not surprising that there should be some members who are not absolutely in accord with the Executive, but is this surprising that out of a membership of thousands some three or four single persons find some thing not to their special liking. I think there has been very little disagreement indeed, quite phenomenally so, and every year the opportunity is given to elect fresh members on the Executive, and fresh officers. This is done by ballot, so it is absolutely in the hands of the Chapters, and it is not very gracious towards the officers who have attended so faithfully to the arduous duties imposed upon them, to speak of dissatisfaction, is it?

*I did resign in February, 1901, but my resignation was withdrawn. At the following annual meeting I was re-elected unanimously, and held office till September or October, when I returned my minute-book