

The League now uses the word "misunderstanding", a safer thing to take shelter under when they had neither the courage to repeat their "Breach of Faith", nor the common decency, the very common decency to withdraw it. And when "recollections do not coincide", where do we go for facts if not to documents. Imagine carrying on an alliance upon recollections. An alliance is difficult enough, sometimes, even with the help of documents, as every international embroglio proves.

Then "further argument is useless, especially between those who ardently desire to forward the same cause." Why is it that the ardour of the League for the same cause is a plea for a cessation of criticism of *them, and of their actions*, when it was evidently no deterrent upon their criticism of *me and of my actions*?

The undue haste with which the League associated a "Breach of Faith" with my name and actions justifies me in asserting two things:—

1. It was a cowardly, unscrupulous and hypocritical accusation.

(a) Cowardly; because there never was the vestige of a possibility of truth in it, and when the League found they had made a mistake, they ran for the nearest shelter under "a misunderstanding."

(b) Unscrupulous; because without hesitation or scruple, or the simplest inquiry, the accusation was perpetrated.

(c) Hypocritical; because they, themselves, at once set about the very identical thing which, in me, they branded as a breach of faith. An alliance which was to bind me was of course to leave them free.

2. This action of the League lost to them, and lost to them for ever, the very thing which they thought it would secure for them, namely: the central control and the central glory of the two great Imperial movements conceived and inaugurated by The Daughters of the Empire. The truth is that by their own interpretation of the alliance signed by us, and which they, themselves, drew up, they absolutely checkmated themselves on the spot. As there was not a single part of the Empire in which The Daughters were not already working, the League could not move hand or foot without a "Breach of Faith." Had I been as eager to find fault with them as they were to find fault with me, I should pretty soon have been able to trip them up. But few people are accustomed to interpret their own actions by the same standard that they interpret the actions of others.

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This is the incident in the history of The Daughters of The Empire which "Standard-Bearer", with the light and airy prowess