

hands of the Dutch Reformed Church, whose sympathies are against England, and openly with the Transvaal. To proclaim an "Empire Day" would mean that half the children would be removed next morning; can only work with the children as children and not as schools.

Wrote long letter of acknowledgement; asked them what they would think of a Cable Code; I have already commenced one.

Aug. 8.—The absolutely prodigious work of Secretary even in holiday-time, with no assistance, leads me to prepare a condensed statement for enclosing to enquirers; prepared the following:—

HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL, August, 1900.

"By this mail I take the liberty of sending you the Constitution of our Federation, in the hope that you will be able to give it your kind attention. The movement is in favour of a great bond of union among the Women of the Queen, to bring them into touch with each other wherever they may reside. Although the initiative has been taken in Canada, and auxiliaries are forming all over the Dominion, the special object of the Federation can be secured only when a solid footing has been gained in every Colony of the Empire, in the Motherland itself, and indeed, wherever a British Woman's heart is beating with love for her Queen and her Country.

It is the present intention of the Federation to devote itself particularly to securing individual membership in every corner of the Empire, a work which will be much facilitated by the formation of an Executive in each Colony or in each of the large divisions of our Colonies, with Auxiliaries in towns and districts; and, when this has been achieved, the formation of Clubs called "*Chapters*" may be proceeded with, to weld the golden chains still more strongly, and to stimulate our common interest in everything that pertains to our beloved Country.

If, after this organization has been accomplished, it should be desired to unite in any unanimous expression of our patriotism, such an expression could be easily and promptly secured through the Executives and Auxiliaries throughout the Empire. Indeed, had this Federation been in active existence before the outbreak of, for example, the War in South Africa, or the Famine in India, it is almost beyond human calculation to imagine the endless and beneficent channels which would immediately have been opened up for co-operation and systematic effort among millions of the Women and the Children of the Queen, whose separation and isolation prevented them from enjoying the gratification of their patriotic interest.