

It is simply that I might have an opportunity of explaining to you many things which you have had no opportunity of knowing, and which I have refrained from explaining till now.

These matters belong to a period of time prior to my handing the work over to you, and I really took for granted that you would be as interested to hear about them as I am that you should know.

This request implies no necessary "Status." It is a common practice to invite even total strangers to a meeting, should courtesy or any equally good reason exist for the invitation. It is done in all "Societies." It has been done repeatedly in yours.

With your kind permission and with these explanations, I take the liberty of repeating my suggestion, that at your next Annual Meeting I be given an opportunity of making my statement and answering any questions that may be asked.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

MARGARET POLSON MURRAY.

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO,

April 20, 1907.

*Mrs. Clark Murray.*

DEAR MADAM:—

Your communication of March 4th was read at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Order on March 6th. As your letter was merely a reply to theirs of Feb. 25th, an answer to it was not considered necessary.

(Signed) MARY HELENA COLLETT, Sec.

Having been denied an opportunity of privately correcting the errors that Standard-Bearer had scattered abroad, I prepared a short list of questions, one to the Head Office and one to the author of the mis-statements. To neither of these two lists of questions have I received a reply, and it now devolves upon me to answer them myself. For facility in reading I shall insert the answer after each question.

MONTREAL, Sept. 28, 1907.

*To The Imperial Order*

*Daughters of the Empire.*

MESDAMES:—

In connection with the correspondence which has passed between us, I shall be much obliged if you will be good enough to give me the following information:—

1. The number of Chapters that were handed over to you when the Head Office was transferred from Montreal to Toronto.

Answer : The Executive is silent. I have replied fully on pp. 65-66.