

The Queen Regent replied "she really could not understand my letter—that she had nothing to do with Mrs. Holden, or with what she wrote" that "she did not know the lady." (See Feb. 8.)

Still, once more, in my desire to avoid a public dispute, I asked the date of their earliest meeting. (See Feb. 14th, 1907.)

The Executive replied "that my letters had been read and fully discussed; that as I hold no status in the Order, the meeting would be impossible."

I replied that in handing over to them this authority I did not "resign all connection" with the "Daughters"; so far from severing my connection, I had kept in very close touch; we sent our fee for our Charter, and that we always counted ourselves among the most enthusiastic members of the Order.

(N.B.—I shall here insert copy of the minute received from the Head Office regarding my "status": "TORONTO, Nov. 1, 1901.—The Executive of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire wish to express their regret to Mrs. Clark Murray that ill health prevents her from taking any active interest in the Order at present.")

Finally I referred to the custom in all societies of inviting even total strangers to their meetings, when courtesy or any equally good reason should exist, and once more I repeated my request for an opportunity to explain privately the misleading statements of "Standard-Bearer," and of answering any questions that might arise at the meeting. (See March 4th, 1907.)

This communication was not even acknowledged.

Having been refused a private explanation, and still desirous to avoid a public one, I submitted to the Head Office, on Sept. 28th, 1907, a list of questions covering the statements of "Standard-Bearer." I received an acknowledgement of this letter, and it was to be read at the first meeting of the Executive, announced for Nov. 6th. To the present date (Dec. 31st.) I have no further reply.

On Sept. 28th I submitted to "Standard-Bearer" a list of similar questions, and, receiving no reply I wrote on Oct. 14 that I was loathe to send my answer to the printer without hearing from her.

I have the Inspector's report that the receipt of both these letters was signed by the addressee; to date (Dec. 31st.) I have no reply from "Standard-Bearer," and I myself have supplied the correct answers to both lists of questions.