

any meeting, and that copies of letters in the President's hands, in which Mrs. Clark Murray resigned all authority and connection with the Daughters of the Empire, be enclosed.—Carried.

(Signed) M. HELENA COLLETT, Sec.

20 MCTAVISH STREET
MONTREAL, March 4, 1907.

*To the Imperial Order of
The Daughters of the Empire.*

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of Feb. 25, I should like to be allowed to explain that, since the day when I asked the Toronto Committee to assume the Head Office and the work of The National Chapter of Canada, I have not, in a single instance, in thought, word or deed, broken my promise to Mrs. Nordheimer; and whilst I am quite sure that Mrs. Nordheimer will believe me when I say this, I am also quite sure that she can never know just the extent to which I have carried out that promise. I have been so much in Europe since then, and on my return visits to Canada I have been proud and pleased to know of your magnificent work and progress, a distant, but a very genuine, admirer.

Your letter with its Resolution makes me feel as if you had doubted this loyalty on my part, which grieves me very much. Nothing could have been further from my thoughts or more foreign to my nature.

Allow me also in passing, to call attention to your reference to my "status" in the "Order." You say, "I resigned all authority and connection with the Daughters of the Empire." This is putting my action much too strongly. I did not resign. I have kept my connection with the "Order" as close as was possible to me in a city where it was considered unwise for a time that we should enter upon active promotion. I formed a new Chapter. We have worn the new badge. We have held our meetings. We have sent our reports to "Echoes." We forwarded our Fee for a Charter. We have your receipt for the fee, and whilst waiting all this very long time for the arrival of the Charter, The Founder's Chapter has continued its meetings, has maintained its interest in your work, and counts itself ready at all times to be in readiness for an emergency.

But whilst it is thus impossible for me to accept your definition of my "Status"—I may add that I have no desire at present to dispute your interpretation of it.—I merely call your attention to it for accuracy.

The object of my present request is, most certainly, not that I might resume "authority" or make my "connection" any closer.