

be revised. While Mrs. Clark-Murray organized a band of women and certain branches under the title, "Daughters of the British Empire" (note title), for one year only was this wonderfully gifted woman able to hold it together. She was founder and Secretary, and with such stupendous work, is it any wonder that the electric force wavered and flickered out? Trouble quickly followed her break-down, and in 1901, just after Mrs. Murray's visit to England (here we take issue "to consolidate the Chapters already formed," line 17, page 84, as there were no chapters), the governing power of the body corporate, of which we are speaking, was handed over to the Toronto Chapter under the presidency of Mrs. Nordheimer. This lady, with her Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Land, found affairs in great disorder, and the Society was threatened with ruin and disaster. Lady Minto, who was Honorary President of the Society, had resigned her honorary connection, and the Daughters of the British Empire stood discredited in the eyes of the ladies at the head of the Victoria League, a sister organization in Great Britain, who had proposed to affiliate with The Daughters of the British Empire. It is not necessary to enter into sorrowful details. Mrs. Nordheimer took prompt action, transferred the governing body to Toronto, incorporated the Society under the name of "Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire," issued a new and complete constitution, and a new badge, and since then has held the National Chapter, of Canada, or Head Office, in Toronto, to which office each local chapter owes allegiance and loyalty.

I feel that I am but voicing the opinions of the various Municipal and Primary Chapters in the Dominion when I say that the highest credit belongs to the good generalship of the women who promptly turned disaster into success, failure into a triumphant victory. Such honour falls to Mrs. Nordheimer and her Executive of able women, who now direct an organization which stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, has ninety Chapters, and a membership of many thousands.

Trusting these points may be deemed worthy of your attention,  
I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

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The average magazine article deals with personal opinions, offered by the writer, and accepted by the reader, as a contribution to the growth of knowledge. When, however, a criticism on a question of historic accuracy appears over the signature of a "Standard-Bearer" we look for a statement which is final and con-