

MANY requests have come to me from various parts of the Empire for the story of the origin and early development of two important Imperial Movements that have been associated with my name as Founder; (a) "THE DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE and THE CHILDREN OF THE EMPIRE (Junior Branch)," the first time in the history of nations that the real living power of organized women and children has been recognized; and (b) "THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION," the first time in the history of nations that the graves of the fallen have been sought out, discovered, protected, and decorated as a National privilege, under the tender and affectionate care of women.

The real history of those two movements must be sought in the magnificent work accomplished through them by the untiring zeal of the women who, in different parts of the Empire, have undertaken to build upon the foundation laid by me. There is, however, a period about which there is some controversy, and, much as I dislike publicity, I feel compelled to accede to the wishes of my friends and to tell, briefly, the origin and development of the work. Indeed this has become a necessity by the appearance in "CANADA FIRST" of the following Article, professing to deal with this period, by a lady who signs herself "A STANDARD-BEARER."

#### HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

*To the Editor of "Canada First."*

DEAR SIR,—It was with no small degree of interest that, upon looking over the pages of the current month's issue, I read as my first venture through your pages, an article entitled "One Empire Builder." I, with every Daughter of the Empire in Canada and throughout the Colonies, agree with the writer of that article in rendering every honourable tribute towards the name of Mrs. Margaret Polson Clark-Murray of Montreal, who originated the magnificent idea of forming a Confederation of women to be called the "Daughters of the British Empire," the first Chapter of which order in Ontario, was organized in the City of Hamilton, under the Regency of Mrs. Teetzel, wife of the then Mayor of the City. It was indeed with an electric force that Mrs. Clark-Murray generated into life this organization; but if the supply force of electricity from the fountain head be even for the shortest period of time withdrawn from materializing into action, failure, and more often than not—disaster follows, a result we all know from our every day use of electricity in our homes and manufactories. Now loyalty to the President and Executive of The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire demands that certain facts in the Article under discussion, notably the paragraph beginning "In 1901," page 84,