

I must remind you, dear Mrs. Holden, that I, personally, was the medium, and the only medium, of every letter and every interview regarding the period to which your "Article" refers, and that no one is in a position to make an official statement about that period without consulting me. So, that, painful as it shall certainly be to me, it is nevertheless my clear and unavoidable duty to yourselves as well as to others, to make a statement which shall be beyond the barest possibility of dispute by any one.

This is why I have suggested a special meeting with you all instead of a magazine article. The misrepresentations have been widely spread abroad, in other countries as well as in Canada, and, doubtless, more eagerly listened to than I can ever hope the truth will be. I have kept silent, hoping that you yourselves would come to see the wrong without my assistance, and I am quite certain that when you listen to what I have to tell you, you will be the first to insist upon a fair and full statement of the facts.

For myself I do not care, at least not now that the first keen bitterness of misrepresentation has been overcome, but I am responsible for others who cannot speak for themselves, and I can hesitate no longer.

The meeting which I have suggested, and which I hope can still be arranged, would give us an hour's friendly conversation and would draw us more closely together as workers for the "Daughters" than, I fear, could ever be possible by public discussion, however moderate in tone. I should be pleased to learn your views in this point, and if you can make an opportunity of consulting Mrs. Crerar and others, it would be a further favour to all concerned. Indeed, the fact that your "Chapter" was one of my first and most vigorous and important, would lend a peculiar interest to such an enquiry.

Believe me, dear Mrs. Holden, in spite of anything which I have been compelled to say.

Ever yours sincerely and affectionately,

MARGARET POLSON MURRAY.

To this letter I received no reply, and in the autumn (1906) I wrote to Mrs. Nordheimer asking what further action would be acceptable to her. To this I had the following reply:—

GLENEDYTH, Toronto, Sept. 25.

DEAR MRS. CLARK MURRAY,—

I think a letter of yours to me can not have reached me, as I do not understand your letter received yesterday. I know nothing of any meeting suggested by you, and I am quite in the dark regarding your remarks *re* Mrs. Crerar and Mrs. Holden. I hope you will explain these things at your earliest convenience. I am at present