

As an indication of additional matters that are occupying the attention of the Executive in Montreal, I may state that we are actively interesting ourselves in the following directions:

1. We are preparing to arouse and stimulate a strong sympathetic interest between the Colonies, by a Series of Lectures illustrated by High-class Lime-Light Views, selected with care from every Colony, and for which we have already secured intercolonial connections.

2. We are actively promoting a movement which provides already in Canada an Annual School Celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday, at which patriotic speeches are delivered by men prominent in educational and political circles, and at which the school children gathered by the thousand sing patriotic songs.

3. We are taking steps to introduce into the schools of Canada, both public and private, an arrangement by which one hour per month shall be set aside and a patriotic programme enjoyed. In order to lighten the work of the teachers, our Federation will prepare, submit, and, if desired, carry out the programme.

4. We are endeavouring to have the scholars formed into "Chapters of the Children of the Empire," meeting at their respective School Houses and marching to Empire Day Celebration under the inspiration of the Union Jack.

5. We are giving our attention to the books usually given as school-prizes, with the view of securing some measure of patriotic tendency and education in them.

6. We are endeavouring to induce the Roman Catholic and the Protestant Schools to unite in this Empire Day movement.

7. We have under consideration the care of an old and much-neglected Military Cemetery in the Province of Quebec, and we have appointed a Committee to care for the newly-made graves of our soldiers in South Africa.

These and similar fields are awaiting our patriotic endeavor, and we commend them to the consideration of other Colonies. We do not insist upon uniformity of methods and of aims throughout the Empire. These must naturally be influenced by local conditions. All we ask is the Bond of Union, to stimulate, to direct, to consolidate. We shall regard it as a great favour in the interest of this important patriotic movement if you will put the printed matter sent to you into the hands which you may consider best for promoting our purpose, and we shall be only too ready to extend every possible aid to Com-