

of the Sons are apparent: "many have forgotten their sacred vows, and yielding to accursed temptation, in an evil hour have given themselves over bond-slaves to their old captivity. We do not deny that such betrayal hurts our cause; let those rejoice over it that will. Every brother so falling away not only breaks his solemn vow and enslaves himself afresh, but puts off the day of deliverance to other captives, strengthens the hands that forge the chains, and blocks the car of emancipation."

"Others still have left our fraternity for other causes—some, doubtless, from motives that do them no dishonour. Some, perhaps, wearying of so rigid a self-restraint, or unworthily influenced by personal enmities, or charmed no longer by novelty, or piqued at fancy slights, and not a few as the penalty of mere negligence, or want of thrift, in meeting the trifling taxes which ensure them the pecuniary aid of the Order in time of sickness and disability. If any of these classes are satisfied to have no more part in so good an enterprise, the greater loss we think is theirs."

The committee suggest, that as the funds of the Grand Division are still in a low state it will afford matter for serious consideration whether it will not be better for a year or two to have Semi-annual instead of Quarterly Sessions thereby saving considerable expense—and this arrangement could the better be afforded, if the Committee (appointed for the purpose) are successful in procuring a Lecturer and Agent whose visits to the several Divisions, would be of more benefit to the Order, than the quarterly sessions, as only four localities can have that privilege in one year, while the Agent might visit all the Divisions. Action cannot be taken on this subject, except at the annual session, but your committee feel that they will be excused for now referring to the matter. It may appear inconsistent to deprecate the apathy respecting these quarterly meetings and then recommend two instead of four, but the committee feel convinced that the expense incident to a meeting of the Grand Division is more than equivalent to the good done at present from the small attendance of Delegates.

With respect to the report of the G.W.P. referred to this committee, they fully agree that great need is felt throughout the Province for stated visits of an Agent to the several Divisions, believing that those Divisions which have surrendered their charters, and others in a languid state, would now be in good working order, had they been visited by a man of judgement and zeal during the past year. The Committee are aware of the difficulty of procuring a suitable person, but would still urge the necessity of such appointment. They are fully impressed with the necessity there is for Deputies to be more careful of the interests of the Grand Division in securing prompt returns, and concur with the G. W. P. that the number of Deputies is too large. The Committee forbear entering upon the subject of Finances as alluded to in the report of the G. W. P. not having sufficient information at present, to enable them to form an opinion.

The Committee concur in the views which the Grand Scribe (whose report has also been submitted to them) has taken respecting