

be restored to new life; weak Divisions which can be strengthened; and in many places new Divisions can be established. An able lecturer would infuse fresh vigor into the Order multiply our forces, and cheer us on to victory, Several Deputies in reply to the question, have you anything to propose for the good of the Order in your District? have written, "Send us a Lecturer." Let us, if possible, respond to the call at once, and in due time the seed thus scattered will produce an abundant harvest.

Allow me in connection with this subject, to impress upon Deputy G. W. P's. the responsibility of their position. Each ought to consider himself as an active substitute for the G. W. P. within his District, and endeavor to exercise a Missionary spirit, a self sacrifice, and liberality that will inspire those under his supervision with like virtues. Many perform their part nobly, but there are others, I fear, who are content to whistle for a fair wind, while resting upon their oars, the enemy, meantime, bombarding their forts.

I would also take the liberty to enjoin upon those elder brothers who absent themselves from the Division Rooms, on the plea sometimes urged, that they have served their time or some other equally weighty and constitutional apology, to return to their duty. Their presence is needed at the weekly meetings, to encourage younger members by their example, counsel and admonitions. What would be thought of any military power whose oldest and most experienced officers should withdraw from the camps, and leave the management of a defensive and aggressive warfare to youthful aspirants and raw recruits? The answer and its application are too obvious to require further remark.

The salutary influence of Lady visitors is everywhere acknowledged. There is no indication of any desire to modify the relation which they now bear to the Order. Our policy of exempting them from the labor of certain offices in the Division Room is, I think, wisely shaped. I believe that our government, differing in this respect from an Order somewhat similar to our own, will bear the test of time and experience.

We are sometimes accused of a less liberal regard for the rights of the gentle sex than is exercised by the Order referred to. The charge is built on sand. The moral strength of the fair sex has a sphere and mode of manifestation peculiar to itself. This sphere is not the public platform, and this mode is not the demonstrative and dominant boldness that becomes masculinity. We cannot, therefore, be fairly accused of any lack of concession or gallantry towards the angelic sex. We think, on the contrary, that we are more worthy their esteem, inasmuch as we exhibit a larger degree of scrupulosity in guarding the sacredness of that inestimable gem which has ever shone in the coronet of Woman's Character as her chiefest adornment, namely, her modesty. May the smiles of the Lady Visitors continue to be reflected on our banner till it waves over the ruins of the last rum-shop in the land.

The National Division is to hold its next convention