

as well as in a secular, that what is nows and politics to-day becomes history, to-morrow; and if we want enlightened and intelligent members of our fraternity, they must be instructed and interested in those matters, by him who has assumed the position of their teacher; and who has solemnly engaged, by his assent to the ancient charges, to be true to his trust. We may mention as a case in point, the object of the special communication of Grand Lodge, held in Montreal on the 1st ultimo.

We should like to know, as a matter of curiosity, if for no higher motive, how many Brothers there are within this jurisdiction, who have not merely heard that such a communication occurred, much less being acquainted with the object of it.

We think we are justified in concluding that there are many, when we take into consideration the fact, that more than one-third of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction, was not represented by either their own properly qualified officers or by proxy; and we doubt if those Lodges, which were represented by proxy, in nine cases out of ten, ever heard the matter mentioned again. We scarcely know in what terms to characterise the conduct of those Wor. Masters, who pay no heed to the summons sent them by our Grand Secretary before each communication of Grand Lodge; but we do know, that we cannot but come to the conclusion (however unwillingly) that if they neglect this duty, they neglect others equally or more important, and cannot but express a regret that so weighty a trust has been reposed in them. They *seem* to have forgotten that at their installation, they solemnly "promise a regular attendance on the communications of Grand Lodge, on receiving proper notice thereof." This gross and wilful disobedience should be punishable with nothing short of suspension for at least three months. If this course were adopted, we should find a larger and more regular attendance on Grand Lodge and the consequent diffusion of a larger amount of knowledge on Masonic matters. We assert that it is the duty of every Lodge to pay the expenses of, at least, one delegate to Grand Lodge at each Communication and the proper representative is the Wor. Master. No Lodge can possibly be so low in funds as to prevent this being done without any inconvenience to the Members, while it cannot be reasonably expected that delegates should expend both their time and private means for the general good of all.

It is the Master's duty to see to this, and if a delegate is not sent to each and every communication of Grand Lodge, and all necessary expenses therefor, paid by the Lodge which sends him, he alone is accountable, and should be punished for such culpable neglect of duty.

The question discussed and disposed of by Grand Lodge at the recent Communication, was perhaps one of the most important that has ever been brought before it. It marks a crisis in the history of Masonry in these Provinces, and is a question which should be thoroughly understood by