

father a most cruel blow, and he did. In addition to his own personal transaction he received assistance from a number of friends, who watched McKibbee's every action, two or three times frustrating his plans in securing a clue. These same parties are supposed to have telegraphed to Lansing, when they found that McKibbee and his lawyer had at length hit the right place. So well did these conspirators watch the post-office at Montrose that the lawyers had to have letters directed to them under another name. The search for the child also included the search for Haywood. He was at Lansing several times, but this was before the right clue had been gained, and he is now supposed to be in Kansas. He was discovered in Massachusetts last winter, and a requisition made on the Governor of that State, but before he could be reached he had fled, having been warned by his friends at Montrose. If caught, and he will be, his punishment cannot be too severe. As for the several Lansingites who assisted him in secreting the girl, knowing, as the chief one has confessed, that she was kidnapped, there is only one shadow of an excuse. They claim that Haywood informed them that the girl was maltreated at home, and that he had stolen her away to save her from the bad treatment. This assertion is denied by the father, the elder sister and by little Helen herself, who could not remember that her father ever struck her a blow. She is a bright-eyed, good-looking girl, and informed our reporter that her keepers kept a constant watch over to prevent her writing a letter, which she is advanced enough to do, and to see that she did not divulge the secret to any of her schoolmates. "But I knew that pa would come," she added, and was therefore content to keep the secret until such a time as divulging it would renound to her benefit.

The method used to secure a trace of the child was not original, although the Masonic lodges are not a channel for communications of this kind. When a whole state and its daily and weekly papers were interested in the fate of the stolen child the fraternity were glad to extend all assistance to further a successful search. Only for the circular which went to Lansing the girl might have not been discovered for months, or even years. The detective ability displayed by Mr. Baker certainly entitles him to much credit.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DUAL MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION.

To the Editor of the Craftsman.

DEAR SIR, AND W. BRO:

The Resolution passed at last meeting of Grand Lodge in regard to dual membership has caused considerable comment and no doubt justly so, since it has raised questions of considerable importance. Being the mover of that resolution and having since its passage been asked by a considerable number of brethren almost day after day as to its bearing and meaning, a few observations regarding the same may not be inopportune.

The resolution being:—That the Grand Lodge declare that no Brother can be an ordinary member of more than one Lodge in the same City, Town or Village.

The subject of dual membership was referred to by the G. M. in his address, who after stating an instance in which that system has been productive of very much mischief, strongly advises Grand Lodge to adopt such a regulation as will effectually prevent a recurrence of the evils which according to his experience have for years resulted from the practice in question. This recommendation and advice naturally caused considerable discussion especially among those who were or at least felt them-