

stead of this, however, the Lodge escaped without ever a reprimand for doing what the Grand Lodge declared to be clandestine work, and an innocent party suffered the penalty of being declared a clandestine Mason, and his case left to the discretion of the Grand Master to say "whether he shall be healed or not."

With all due respect for the Masonic knowledge of two such learned Masons as Past Grand Masters Charles C. Dame and Charles A. Welch, who constituted two of the committee who submitted the report upon which action of the Grand Lodge was based in this case, we must be permitted to dissent from their finding. There was nothing of a clandestine nature in any of the proceedings in this case as detailed in their report. Everything was done in the usual manner, from the reception of the petition by the Lodge until the final charge to the candidate as a Master Mason.

He petitioned, was elected and received the three degrees in regular form in a regularly constituted Lodge, and is as much a Master Mason as the Grand Master to whose discretion it was left to say whether he could be one or not. The only point in the case to settle is between the Grand Lodge and two of her constituent Lodges. The complaint was made against both of these Lodges for a violation of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, which appears to have been sustained by the evidence, but instead of punishing either of them, the penalty seems to have fallen upon an innocent party, who unwittingly petitioned to be made a Mason contrary to a regulation of the Grand Lodge.

We trust the Grand Master will at once rectify the error by healing the brother and reprimanding the Lodges which have placed an honest man in such an unenviable position.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

ENGLAND is the oldest Grand Lodge.

A MASONIC orphan asylum was established at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1781, and is still doing well.

BRO. E. T. SCHULTZ has issued his seventh number of "Freemasonry in Maryland." Like all his writings it is pleasant to read, and at the same time accurate as to facts. We wish Bro. Schultz a large subscription list.

"DAN O'CONNEL was initiated into Freemasonry, in Lodge No. 189, Dublin, Ireland, in 1799, and served as W. M. in 1880-1," so says the *Detroit Freemason*. Where was his Lodge in 1880-1? We incline to opine it was clandestine.—ED. CRAFTSMAN.

R. W. BRO. JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON, since his return from Europe, looks more jovial than ever and is now engaged in writing and publishing a history of the Cryptic Rite in Canada. This work will fill a gap long vacant and supply a want long felt. It will be one of the most perfect compilations extant.

NORTH CAROLINA MASONIC ORPHAN ASYLUM.—Grand Master Bingham speaks well of the women of his State who have done so much for the Orphan Asylum. One woman, Mrs. Letitia Morehead Walker, authorized the Grand Master to put \$1,000 at the disposal of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of building a bath-house for the orphans, as a memorial to her son, John M. Walker, who died recently, leaving funds in his mother's hands to be devoted to some benevolent purpose. It was done as directed, and is known at the Orphan Asylum as the "Walker Memorial Bath-house."—*Ex.*

R. W. BRO. L. D. CRONINGER, 33°, 96°, 90°, P. M. P., Grand Master of of the Grand Council of Kentucky, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of that State has been visiting the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, at Collingwood, M. W. Bro. Spry, at Barrie; and R. W. Bros. J. Ross Robertson, Robt. Patterson, G. Burns, and R. Ramsay, in Toronto. The jovial Kentuckian expressed himself before leaving overjoyed at the kindly receptions tendered him by the Craft in Canada, and went home to his "old