

to clandestine Masonry in Ohio. Our Brethren will remember that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on recommendation of this Committee, placed itself squarely on record two years ago as against the claims of the spurious Grand Lodge at Worthington, in rebellion against the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and in order to place all who may read the present Report, on their guard against the illegitimate offspring of that clandestine organization, the following is noted from the address of the Grand Master:—

The position taken by the Fraternity in Ohio and the measures adopted to suppress clandestine organizations claiming to be Masonic, were wise and effective. The wisdom of this position and these measures are now clearly manifest. The strife and unhallowed contentions that raged a few years ago have entirely disappeared, and general harmony prevails. The Cerneau bodies have melted away, and, with perhaps a single exception, have become extinct. The clandestine and illegal Grand Lodge which pretended to organize in 1891 at Worthington, according to best information, started five unlawful Subordinate Lodges, one each at Worthington, Coshocton and Bucyrus, and two at Columbus. These Lodges are aimless, lifeless and fruitless, except the two at Columbus, styled Franklin and Columbian. These two bodies have a considerable membership and hold regular meetings. They solicit candidates, and accept as members persons rejected by regular Lodges, and persons having but one eye, one arm, one leg, or other physical or moral imperfections disqualifying them from membership in regular Lodges. Attempts have been made to establish clandestine Lodges elsewhere in the State, but were frustrated by diligent Brethren who made known the character of these illegal organizations. The method is to make up a class of men who are desirous of Masonry, and pretend to them that they are about to organize a new Lodge, and that all who join in the beginning can obtain the degrees for \$10. At the same time, these deluded men are cautioned not to divulge the movement to any Masonic friend, for they are told that the Lodges already established are jealous of new Lodges, and opposed to their organization, and they are assured that as soon as they receive the Degrees they will be charttered as a new Lodge and stand on an equality with the older Lodges.

Some good men who do not know the regulations of our Order, supposing they are receiving genuine Masonry, are deceived in this way. At Springfield a large number were thus beguiled, and were about to take these bogus Degrees, when the Worshipful Masters of Clarke and Anthony Lodges, Bros. W. H. Schaus and Edmund C. Gwyn, became aware of the scheme and apprised the candidates of the mistake they were about to make. Of course, the whole plan then failed, for no good, moral man, worthy of Masonry, will join such a body when he knows its purpose and character.