

ONE of the most valuable teachings of Masonry is that we should not depreciate this life. Masonry does not consider this earth as a dungeon or prison, but a beautiful habitation, affording many comforts and blessings, of which to think meanly is to dishonor God.

We thoroughly agree with Bro. Marcus in his controversy with Bro. Wilson, of Lodge Melton—the latter would make our society merely a branch of the Church, with all its sectarian principles and dogmas. Bro. Marcus, on the other hand, has wide, liberal and extensive views, worthy of the cosmopolitan character of Free masonry.

It is now definitely settled by an almost unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge that all Orders of Masonry, whose neophytes must before admission have taken the first three degrees, may meet in rooms dedicated and consecrated to Masonic purposes. The old and ridiculous cry that none but Masons, as blue lodge Masons, could convene in a lodge-room, has been swept out of existence, and the Grand Lodge of Canada has thus shown to the Masonic world that she allows a freedom of inclination on the part of every one of its members to ally himself with any branch or Order of Masonry he may select, so long as it is founded upon the degrees of Craft Masonry.

We notice from the Toronto papers, that the lady managers of the hospital for sick children, acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of \$25 from Ionic Lodge, No. 25, G. R. C., Toronto, for the maintenance of a cot at the Lakeside Home for Little Children, to be called the "Ionic cot." There are at the present over fifty children, including twelve infants from the Infants' home, at the Lakeside. As the home will accommodate about 100 children the lady managers will be glad to hear of any little ones

who would be benefited by the Lakeside home, applications to be made to Mrs. Samuel McMaster, president of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. This is the institution erected on the Island by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of the *Toronto Telegram*, and which is calculated to do a great deal of good.

NUMBER 2 of Volume II of the "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," has been received, which brings the history down to the year 1815. Some of our contemporaries have given out the erroneous idea that Bro. Schultz had been compelled to relinquish the project from failure of the brethren to support him. It does not appear to be the case, for here it is, and we trust our brother will be enabled to complete his valuable work. We believe there are enough Masonic students in this country, who will be proud to possess the work, so that the writer will not only complete his project but be repaid in a pecuniary sense also. We can assure our readers that they will get full value for their money if they subscribe for the work.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.—The Grand Librarian's report is embellished with a cut of the new building. It is truly a beautiful edifice, and it is no wonder that visitors are enchanted with its beautiful proportions, and the inestimable treasures it contains. The total cost of the building was \$32,000, this was independent of the lot on which it stands, which was donated by the citizens of Cedar Rapids. Of the contents it is impossible to fix a value, suffice it to say that its equal cannot be found. The Grand Lodge performed a large amount of business, among which was a large number of amendments to By-laws. During the election for Grand officers a number of *printed ballots* were cast. The tellers reported this fact to the Grand Master, and he, very properly, decided that the