

According to a statement made by the *Freemason's Chronicle*, of London, at the present time the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is pledged to the payment of something like £15,000 per annum in annuities alone. The actual claims on the Institution do not, however, cease with this £15,000 of annuities, as there are the working expenses of the Charity to be provided in addition, and it may well be imagined that with so extensive a field of operations as exists, the working expenses are of no trivial amount.

A New York correspondent of an English paper is responsible for the statement that "a Mrs. E. Quinsley has recently announced her intention of delivering lectures and collecting subscriptions for the purpose of buying the City of Jerusalem and rebuilding Solomon's Temple from the original designs. She estimates that the sum required for the purpose will be about £10,000,000, and the correspondent says she has already succeeded in raising towards this amount, the large sum of 7s. 6d." This enterprising lady could have earned more than that amount by wrestling with a wash-tub for a week.

Here is a precedent from Kentucky, which shows what a useless article a Constitution is:—At the recent meeting of that Grand Lodge an amendment to the Constitution was proposed, but as such amendments are really notices of motion, and not subjects for discussion until the next meeting, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that, "The same (the amendment) be the law for the government of the Grand Lodge and its sub-

ordinates until it is adopted as part of the fundamental law." This recommendation was adopted almost unanimously, and Grand Master Black has now decided that it is law.

Bro. Dewar, in the Masonic department of the London *Free Press*, which is an interesting Saturday feature, says regarding the Grand East:—"When there are good men in the position our advice would be to keep them where they are for a term of years. The Grand Mastership has already been lowered by its itinerancy." We could readily say, "So mote it be!" to even more than the above, but will rest satisfied with remarking that those who seek office are, as a rule, failures, while those whom the office seeks invariably make good officers, and invest the position with a dignity that is an unknown quantity to place-hunters.

The *Keystone*, Philadelphia, which, by-the-by, is an excellent Masonic weekly, recently took us to task for locating it in Boston. In announcing that the *Keystone* was published at Boston we meant no reflection on that city, nor did we make the mistake through associating Boston-baked beans with our contemporary, neither had the idea permeated our sluggish Canadian brain that Boston's idol, John L. Sullivan, guarded the portals of the *Keystone* office. In making such an announcement we must have been carried away by the editorial management of the *Keystone*, and as Boston is the centre of culture in America, what more natural than to associate the *Keystone* with it. We congratulate our cotem. in at last discovering that THE CRAFTSMAN is published at Toronto.