

and stocks bearing from four to nine per cent. interest payable semi-annually. The *per capita* dues from Subordinate Lodges has been reduced to forty cents, which we believe is lower than in any other Grand jurisdiction. Sixteen years ago the Grand Lodge was embarrassed with a debt of nearly \$100,000, and Grand Lodge dues were one dollar *per capita*. The Masons of Indiana may well be congratulated on their present prosperous and happy condition. So may it long continue.—*Masonic Advocate*.

Temple Lodge, St. Thomas, has set apart one evening in each month for the exclusive benefit of the ladies and have open lodge those times. It is proving very enjoyable.

George H. Raymond, after serving the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York state as Grand Lecturer for twenty-nine years, has been retired for life at an annual salary of \$1,500.

It may not be generally known that the ladies of Mandan have in full running operation a Temple of the Mystic Shrine and have all the necessary apparatus for heating the sands of the desert for those seeking the oasis of comfort. A ritual will soon be prepared and other Temples are expected to be organised. The ladies of Chicago and Minneapolis have something of the same nature, but as yet have not reached the ritualistic period of their existence. It must be that some husband has been giving away the mysteries that Illustrate Potentate Thompson has communicated recently to the unbelievers. Several Bismarck ladies will cross the Missouri soon and tackle the desert of Mandan Shrine.—*The Fraternal News*.

The recent destruction by fire of the Masonic Temple at Providence, R. I., carried with it losses never to be replaced. Among the priceless relics consumed was a portrait of Thomas Smith Webb, the founder of Royal Arch Masonry in America, painted by Gilbert Stuart; and records which es-

tablished St. John's Commandery as the oldest in the United States.

FOREIGN.

The formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter for Ross and Inverness, Scotland, took place at Dingwall on Tuesday, the 12th inst., in the Masonic lodge in said town, when Comp. Sir Hector Munro, Bart., of Foulis Castle, was installed as Grand Superintendent by Comp. Major F. W. Allan, of Glasgow, M. E. Depute First Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and who was accompanied by a deputation from said Grand Chapter. There was a good attendance of companions of the province.

The statement of accounts which was submitted at the convocation of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, which was held at Mark Masons Hall, London, Tuesday, the 12th inst., was in all respects satisfactory. There was a balance of receipts, after defraying all expenditure, amounting, in round figures, to £750, while the investments, library, furniture, plate, &c., and the freehold and leasehold property of the Council are set down as being of the value of not far short of £21,000. The expenditure included a sum of £233 disbursed in Charity donations, the other principal items being salaries £500; rent, rates, and taxes, £157; and establishment, £293.—*The Freemason*.

There appears to be no end to the new lodges which are being established in West Lancashire. The Grand Lodge Calendar for the present year gives a total of 112 lodges for that province, and last week we published a report of the constitution of a new lodge in Preston, bearing the honoured title of "Stanley of Preston" Lodge with Bro. the Earl of Derby, who was called to the House of Lords during his late brother's lifetime by the title of Lord Stanley of Preston, as its first W. M. His Lordship is a Past Grand Warden of England, and for many years, until his appointment as Governor-General