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By command of Major-General Carnahan.
GEORGE W. POWELL,
 Adjutant-General.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF "TRUE KNIGHT."

To the Officers and Members of the City Lodges, Knights of Pythias, Vancouver, B. C.—

Dear Sirs and Bros.—Your Committee in charge of the publication of the "True Knight" begs leave to submit the following report:

For the first time since your Committee has had charge of this publication, the report shows a deficit.

The collections for the month of January only amounted to \$18, so that the Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Evans, was compelled to advance the money from his private funds to meet the outstanding indebtedness for the month. We regret to have to report that we are not receiving the support of the full Committee and would impress upon you the importance of united action if we are to make this publication a success. The members of the Committee must take more interest in its affairs and must do work, or else the publication will be a failure.

Our advertising has fallen off and it is necessary that some canvassing be done by the members of the Committee in order to help support the publication.

Efforts are being made by the Committee for the issue of a souvenir edition during the session of the next Grand Lodge, in the month of May, and in order that the same be a success it will require the encouragement of every individual member.

We sincerely trust that the lodges will realise the position of the Committee and will devise ways and means to assist them and avoid a further deficit.

Faternally submitted in F. B. and C.,
H. J. ANSTIE, Chairman.
J. E. EVANS, Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance on hand as per last report,	
October 31st, 1899	\$ 18.09
Receipts from all sources for November, 1899	65.65
Receipts from all sources for December, 1899	75.38

Receipts from all sources for January, 1899	18.00
Total	\$177.12

CONTRA.

Disbursements for November, 1899	\$ 75.00
Disbursements for December, 1899	70.25
Disbursements for January, 1900	64.60
Total	\$209.85

ASSETS.

Outstanding accounts	\$110.25
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LIABILITIES.

Amount advanced by Granville, No. 3....	\$ 21.00
Amount advanced by Rathbone, No. 7....	21.51
Amount advanced by Crusader, No. 19..	21.00
Amount advanced by Secretary-Treasurer	32.73

Total	\$96.31
Vancouver, B. C., January 31st, 1900.	

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BENEATH THE FLAG.

A soldier, bowed with years, was kneeling
 In the pillared Gothic pile,
 Where the slanting sun was stealing
 Down the dim cathedral aisle.
 Through the arches, old and hollow,
 He could see the splendor fall,
 Where the flag he loved to follow,
 Torn and faded, decked the wall.

Backward, then, his mem'ry bore him
 To the days of long ago,
 When, that banner waving o'er him,
 In the ranks he faced the foe.
 Fancy still beheld it flying
 O'er the mountain, through the glade,
 Now he wished that he were lying
 Here at rest beneath its shade.

Clouds of ev'ning, darkly massing,
 Hide away the splendor now,
 And a silent angel passing
 Bends to kiss the soldier's brow.
 Fades the half-forgotten story,
 Falls his head upon his breast;
 Call the muster-roll of glory—
 He will answer with the rest.

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A QUOTATION.

Standing on what too long we bore,
 With shoulders bent, and downcast eyes,
 We may discern, unseen before,
 A path to higher destinies.

Nor deem the irrevocable past
 As wholly wasted, wholly vain,
 If, rising on its wrecks, at last
 To something nobler to attain.

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Hardacre—"Going to build a wash-house in the yard, Zeke; what kind of stone would be the best for a foundation?"

Crawfoot—"Did you say a wash-house, Zeke? Well, it seems to me soapstone would be good as any."

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