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VANCOUVER, MAY, 1900.

OUR SPECIAL NUMBER.

The committee in charge of the "True Knight" have deemed the approaching session of our Grand Lodge a fitting time to put forth a special effort, not only to make our paper more popular than it is, but to stimulate our members throughout our domain. The meeting of our Grand Lodge, the coming together of representatives from our subordinate lodges should be a matter of special interest to all who know what Pythianism is, and for this reason we present as far as possible life-likeness of the men who have been, and who are, our foremost knights. We want to make our members familiar with these men, and have gone to some expense to gratify our ambition. In doing so we feel that we are in a small way recognising meritorious services, and at the same time we hope that others may be constrained to take a deeper interest in the spread of Pythian

principles, so that they also in time may be placed in our gallery of Pythian heroes. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was instituted in the City of Victoria in May, 1890—exactly ten years ago—with five subordinate lodges, and a membership of between three and four hundred. When the Grand Lodge meets in Rossland during the coming May, we expect to report twenty-three or twenty-four lodges, with a membership of about fifteen hundred. Such is a bare statement of the progress made by Pythianism in our Province, but it fails to give any adequate view of the worthy labors of worthy men, and of the good done in every city, town and place where it has been established. Perhaps some may say our progress has not been made, and in a sense our progress has not been what it should have been, considering the worthy nature of our magnificent knighthood, but in another sense our progress has been such as to make men love and admire the practical nature of our work, and to make our influence felt for good everywhere. Our only desire is that our members were thrice as many, that we might do thrice as much good. Pythians have a good word for all societies like their own. We rejoice with them who do rejoice over men helped and comforted, and weep with those who weep, but knowing as we do the value of Pythianism to the individual, to the home, to the church, and to the community, we could fain hope that our brethren would wake up, and would go forth conquering and to conquer. British Columbia is growing and growing wonderfully. New towns and villages are springing up here and there, and we are not doing our duty to these places unless we give them an opportunity to join our Knighthly band. We hope our Grand Lodge will deal with this problem, how to spread, how to propagate, how to disseminate Pythianism. Whilst we must ever strive to get the best men possible, yet there are hundreds of good men and true who are outside our Castle Halls. We need what may be called a forward movement; we need enthusiasm, and we hope our worthy brethren will create it at their meeting in Rossland by showing the members that they mean to grapple with this problem. Let a committee be appointed in the Grand Lodge to consider every part of British Columbia where a lodge would thrive, and let them make generous recommendations, then let the Grand Lodge create the machinery for successfully carrying out what we desire to see accomplished, viz., to have a Pythian lodge in every place where it is likely to be supported; we must increase or we will decrease.

We all regret that Grand Chancellor Mearns has been unable to do what we expected he would do. The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-glee, and the plans of our good broth-

er were all frustrated by the unexpected happening. We expected great things, because we knew that he was capable of doing great things. He was the right man in the right place, and we express the wish of every Knight that the time may soon come when he will be back again with us. Last Grand Lodge nobly espoused the cause of the "True Knight." How much Pythians owe to the self-sacrificing little band who month after month send out as neat and as readable a society journal as can be got anywhere, can hardly be told. In all sincerity and in all kindness we say it that neither the lodges nor the members of many lodges have done their duty. We have not been encouraged as we ought to have been. Our labor is a labor of love. How many could contribute who do not, and how many could subscribe who do not. We hope the Grand Lodge will take this matter up and, in some tangible way, make the "True Knight" even more successful than it has been. If one brother alone in each lodge would make the "True Knight" his duty, and would make a thorough canvass of his lodge, our circulation would go up amazingly, and every reader would, we are sure, feel himself becoming more and more a truer Pythian. Well, we send our special number out with the hope that it may be a pleasure to all the old friends and that the "True Knight" may gain hundreds more.

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 WANTED, A MAN.

The heading of our article this month, while a common enough expression, yet we regard in many senses as unique. To see how common this is, one has only to turn over one of our large advertising newspapers, and there one finds that this "want" is a pretty extensive one. The man wanted may be young or old, experienced or inexperienced, or he may be wanted for different things, for the wants of life appeal to all the various forms of men, but after all a man is wanted. The want of the store, the factory, the mine, and the office is the want of the world, for the world wants a true man, and a true man wants the world. We can imagine a scene of particular grandeur and magnificence. Throw your thoughts back to the beginning of things. How this earth assumed her present shape is too long a story for us to tell. The birth throes, the sufferings, the revolutions, all are written upon the face of nature. Up came the mountains, and rivers and seas began to flow in channels. The seas abound with fish; from the plains all manner of grain may come, in the earth all kinds of metals are deposited, and in the valleys all kinds of flocks may be nourished and fattened. As this earth appeared in order, beauty and comeliness, we are not surprised that as God beheld the beauty and the wealth of the world He had created, He should pronounce all very good. To use a common expression—so far so good. But something was wanting. There was a 'want' making itself strikingly apparent. Standing there on the green sward, beholding for the first time a scene of unapproachable glory, and yet sensible that even that beauty was feeling the want of a man—a

man to plough the fields, sow and reap the grain, a man to send the light into forests deep and dense, so as to make them blossom like the rose, a man to scour the seas, and to bring up from the deep her inexhaustible treasures. And a man to dig deep into the heart of mother earth, and from thence to bring her richest and rarest jewels. A man then was the great want, and a want which if it had not been supplied, would have turned this world into a desert drear, and a howling wilderness. To man—the man of brain and muscle, the man of heart and hand, we owe much of the glory which sits like a crown upon the brow of nature to-day. What was true then is true to-day, and what was felt then is felt to-day. The great desideratum is a man. It is evident that there are plenty of men in the world to-day. Some say there are too many. That may be true; at least we have too many men of a kind. Long ago in the streets of Athens, in broad day-light a man might have been seen walking up and down with a lighted lantern in his hand. The people called Diogenes a cynic, a sour, morose, disgruntled creature, but when they asked him what he was looking for, he replied that he was looking for a man. The man he wanted was hard to find, though there were plenty of men all around him, but he felt that if Athens was to be saved, that man wanted must be got. This want is pretty universal, and keeps continually before us. This want is in every day's issue. Churches cry, we want a man for the pulpit and in the pulpit, not a time server, nor a man pleaser. The city cries for a man to rule and guide, not a tool of cliques and corporations. Every where you hear the cry. You see this want dangling before your eyes. Let us see what this want means to us. This want means that the man wanted is a physical man. This is the age of athletics and athleticism. It is sporty to use a common phrase. Not for a long time has there been so much interest taken in this part of a man's equipment as now. With that interest we have no quarrel. It is a rebound from a false sentiment and practise which prevailed under a false religious ideal. We know man has a body, and that that body should be as healthy as possible. In other words, physically a man should be a man. To be a man in this sense is a fair and laudable ambition, for other things being equal a physical man has great odds in his favor in the battle of life. Bodily vigor is a grand possession; it is worth having; it is worth striving for, and it is worth keeping. We do not believe in the old monkish fad, that sickliness is a sure sign of sanity, that a pale, shrimped face betokeneth a pure heart, and that a slim, delicate, strengthless body is the best tabernacle for the soul. A white face is a face of death, not life, is a sign of disease and not health. True religion has no sympathy with, and gives no encouragement to any life, that robs the cheek of its natural bloom, and the body of the strength which should be its glory. As one puts it "to have stomachs weak as blotting paper, hearts indicating fatty degeneration, unused, pithless hands, calveless legs, and limp bodies, is just to have what does not belong to the physical man that is wanted." Take the Man, the model Man, Jesus of Nazareth. We have

seen many pictures of Him. A great many artists paint Him as a man-lady, that is a woman becoming a physical wreck, pale, dreary, half dyspeptic, and withal with a hand a man would almost be afraid to touch, so frail and fragile. If we could paint, we would paint Him like a man, with strong frame, manly-looking in every part. Why? Because when God makes a special man He does not make him physically inferior to others. Our ideal was physically a man, for such a man was wanted for the work given Him to do. It is noteworthy also that the men whom He chose as His companions, friends, associates, and fellow-workers were strong men, men who must have been judging from their occupations good types of the physical man. He did not surround Himself with men who were physically played out. He did not select men from Court or other fashionable circles, men whom wine and women had physically ruined. He called men whom wind and weather, oar and sail, hard, arduous toil had built up into hardy men. That was the kind of man wanted. They had to rough it. He called them not to ease and plenty, but to hardship and poverty. Their life was to be one of tear and wear, and no man but a physical man could have successfully stood the privations which were in store for them. Life to-day wants the physical man, wants a sound body, and a body with all its powers nobly exercised. Bodily power tells as well as brains. A man with a sickly body is at a discount, because he is seriously handicapped. We believe in everything and anything which develops the man wanted, for we believe with a writer, that the greatness of our greatness is quite as much a bodily affair as a mental one. Every man holds his life in his own hands to a very great extent. He can live long or short, just as he pleases. He can make his life one of robust healthiness, which is joy, or one of continuing trouble and suffering. He has the power, because he has free will. When a man died prematurely, his death was called the work of Providence, when it would have been more correct to have called it the work of the devil. More are killed by self-slaughter than either God or devils kill, and a short life is more often due to bad living than to Providence. One of the finest specimens of a physical man we have had this century was Mr. Gladstone. He was a hard worker. No man had ever greater responsibilities than he had, and yet in his eighty-fourth year he did a feat in the House of Commons that would have exhausted men half his age. Why? Because he was a man physically speaking. How? Because he had thoroughly and carefully exercised and developed a great body for a noble mind and soul. Let our readers covet strength, vigor and health. Love all things which will promote these, but shun more than you would a viper every thing that would rob you of life's choicest blessings. Life, active, earnest, enthusiastic, plodding, successful life, wants a man.

Again, the man wanted should be an intellectual man. It has been truthfully said that the physical powers, exclusively cultivated, give us the athlete or the savage, and there are a great many savage athletes to-day. We talk about the noble savage, but savagery is any-

thing but noble. We may admire him, and we may pity him for what he lacks, but after all the man the Twentieth Century wants is one more of a man than a savage is. A strong body should be a means to an end, but that end should not be the bringing up of a man like an animal. Man has a mind as well as a body, and the development of the one should be as particular as the development of the other. A strong body should mean a strong mind, and the ambition to have health should be in order that we may have intellectual wealth. Our model Man was a carpenter. He worked with His hands, and there were no light hours for labor in His day, but He was also a thinker. The body was a tributary to the mind, the health of the one helped the health of the other. What was in that mind, what came from that mind,—and all His days were thirty-three years—is simply amazing. Do not run away with the foolish idea, that His knowledge was ready made, that He had only to say "come," and it came. There was no royal road for Him, any more than for us. Knowledge can be got only in one way, and that way our model Man had to take. He had to travel the beaten tracks. He discovered that He had a mind, and that a healthy mind was as necessary to a noble life as a healthy body. We know not all the books He read; we know not whether the winds, the lakes, the mountains and the flowers were His teachers, but when He speaks, we realize how grandly that mind was cultivated and enriched with the noblest and best things. The danger to-day is to forget that we have a mind. Men want to be all body, that is all sport. The mind is greater than the body. A philosopher has said that there is nothing great but man, and in man there is nothing great but mind. A mind is a wonderful possession, and how wonderful only becomes apparent as we try to use it, employ it wisely, select great thoughts and ponder over them, wrestle with them, read great books—the products of great minds—and after reading them, then discuss them; go to nature, and learn to look at her, to see her, to interpret her voices and to imbibe her spirit. Get in touch with the best man you can find. There is more in him than in anything else, because He is likest God. Give your mind work, and work it at things which will make it stronger, purer and richer. We often hear the remark that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Perfectly true, but all play and no thought, no thinking, makes Jack a mighty deal worse than dull. We have no sympathy with the intellectual cad. He is both a public and a private nuisance. Passing examinations is a good enough thing in its place, but the getting of knowledge as a means to a healthy mind, and the obtaining of treasures greater far than east and west unfold, that is a quest ever the worthiest that a man can select. In these days of books, a man with a mind richly stored is imperatively demanded.

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On Tuesday, April 24th, the Nanaimo Lodge put on the amplified work in a very creditable manner. The Castle Hall was crowded with members, including several visiting brothers.

THE CITY OF VANCOUVER.

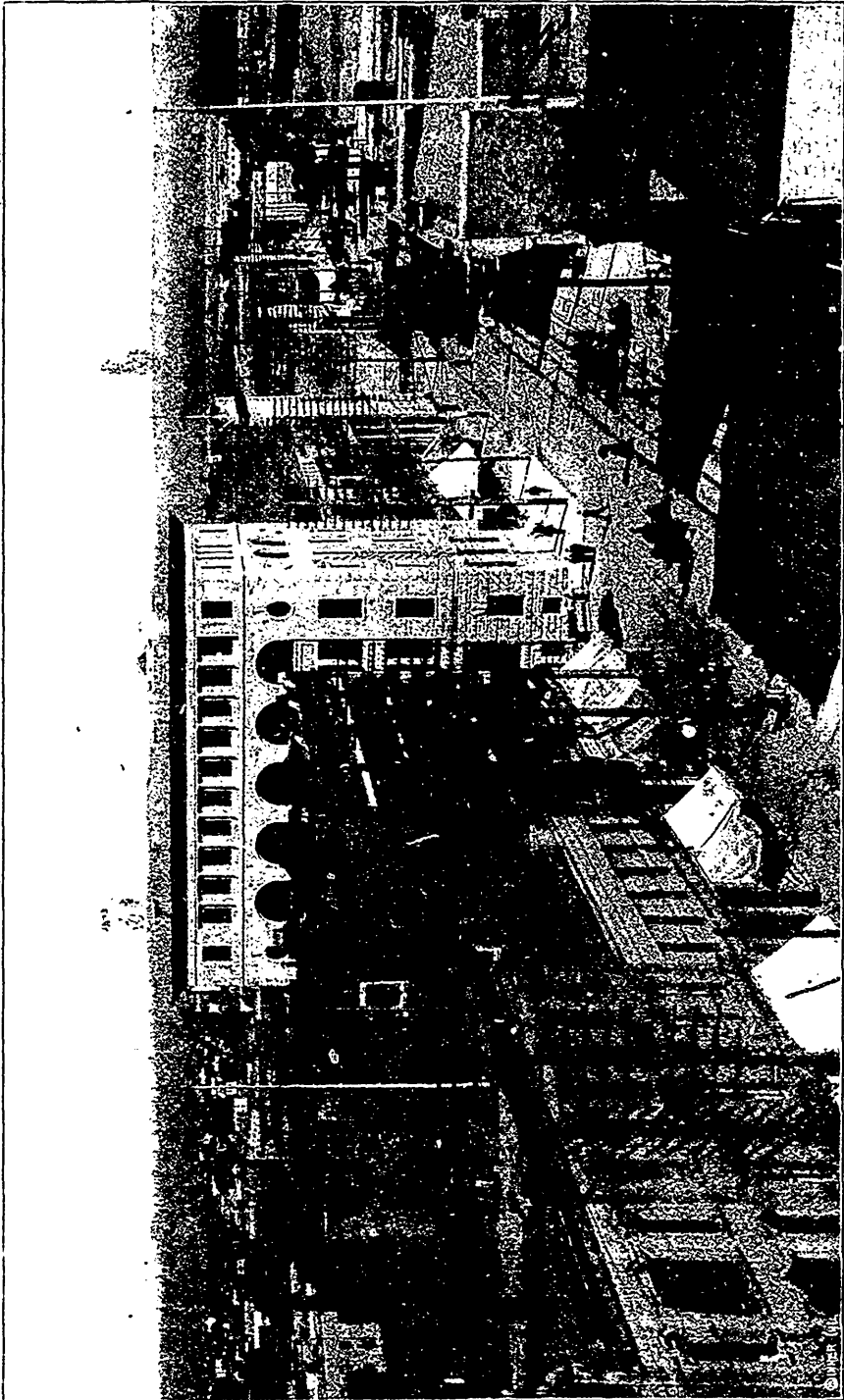
The City of Vancouver is beautifully situated on the southern shore of Burrard Inlet, with False Creek, an arm of the Sea, running well up into the centre of the Corporation limits. Its western side stretches down to the waters of English Bay and Gulf of Georgia, away beyond which are to be seen the snow-tipped mountains of Vancouver Island. From any part of the City magnificent views may be had. Standing on almost any point on Mount Pleasant or Fairview facing the Inlet, one sees spread out before him a panoramic scene of great beauty and grandeur. Immediately beneath the spectator lies the City proper, with its 85 miles of streets, its massive and commodious blocks of stone and brick and its palatial and beautiful residences surrounded by trees and well-kept lawns. Beyond are the blue waters of the Inlet, on whose bosom may be seen gliding along, or riding at anchor, great steamships, towering merchantmen, and occasionally one or more warships. Still further beyond and on the opposite side of the Inlet are to be seen the Indian Mission of the Roman Catholic Church, North Vancouver and the great Moodyville Mills. Back of all, stretching in a great line from east to west, are the towering mountains, forming a fitting framework for the scene of beauty and grandeur which we have been vainly endeavoring to describe. Prominent in the mountain range are the "Lions," two majestic peaks, rising to the height of from 6,000 to 7,000 feet, keeping watch and ward over the entrance to the harbor. These peaks have been called the "Lions" from the fact that viewed from almost any part of the City they present a likeness to couchant lions. No description of the scenery of Vancouver would be complete that omitted a reference to Stanley Park, with its giant trees towering aloft from 200 to 300 feet, and of such girth as to hold a span of horses and carriage in their hollow trunks, its miles of shade embowered walks, and its unequalled drive of nine miles in length, over a smooth shell road. To watch a sunset from Prospect Point in Stanley Park is a sight never to be forgotten. This point rises to a height of 216 feet above high water mark. Away to the west stretch the waters of English Bay and the Gulf of Georgia and beyond, at a distance of 40 miles or so, gleaming sparkling in the rays of the setting sun, are the snow capped mountains of Vancouver Island, while away eastward stretch the waters of the Inlet, until lost to view between the converging mountains. As the sun nears the horizon you notice stealing slowly along the mountains to the north of the Inlet, a beautiful purple haze, which no pen can depict or pencil portray. Dancing on the bosom of the water are myriads of rays of reflected light. As the sun begins to sink behind the distant mountains the purple haze deepens and darkens, the gleam and shimmer over the waters mellow until the slowly heaving waters look like a sea of molten gold. For some time after the sun has vanished from sight the traces of his departing glory may be seen slowly retreating up the mountains to the heavens from whence it came, too beautiful and sacred a thing to tarry long upon earth. Darkness settles down, the evening star peeps

out and if there be any sense of the beautiful in your soul you will realize that you have beheld a scene whose beauty will linger in memory through life, and the like of which can be seen in few places in the world. As one surveys this magnificent City, with its well-paved and lighted streets, its electric car system, not only extending to every part of the City, but running to New Westminster, 12 miles distant, and its excellent water and fire systems, it is difficult to realize that less than 15 years ago the scene of all this business bustle and commercial activity was a dense forest, similar to that of Stanley Park. Vancouver is the gateway of trade between the East and West. It has direct railway communication with all points. It has direct steamship communication with China and Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii and Fiji, San Francisco, Seattle and other Sound ports, Victoria and Nanaimo, and other Island points, places along the West Coast of British Columbia. It is also the natural outfitting port for the Klondike and Atlin, consequently, its streets, wharves and railway stations are scenes of bustle and business activity, presaging a future second to no city on the Pacific Coast.

Vancouver is blest with a mild and salubrious climate. What is Winter in Eastern Canada is here the rainy season, interspersed with many bright and beautiful days. It may have been raining for two or three days, when suddenly it ceases, the clouds roll away and the mountains loom up in all their glory and grandeur. The Summers are simply perfect, beautiful bright days in which the thermometer rarely rises above 85 degrees, with nights pleasantly cool and refreshing. There is an almost entire absence of thunder and lightning. There can be no better or healthier water for drinking than that furnished by the Vancouver Water Works. English Bay furnishes an ideal bathing beach, composed of fine sand, sloping gently into deep water. In fact on almost every side of the City there are to be found good bathing places. There are few places better suited for residences than Vancouver, whether one be in search of health, wealth or pleasure.

Some idea of the commercial progress and prosperity of the City may be gathered from the fact that the bank clearances for eight months ending June 30th, 1899, amounted to \$23,049,790. It may also be remarked that these bank returns continue to show a rapid and steady increase. During the past year residences and blocks to the value of over \$1,500,000 were erected. The civic income for 1899 was \$474,971. Total expenditure \$482,000. Population 30,000, assessed value for 1899, land, \$12,829,610, buildings and improvements, \$6,748,700, total \$19,578,310. Fifty per cent. of the value of buildings and improvements, is exempted from taxation. As an evidence of the financial standing of the City it is only necessary to cite the fact that the last sale of three and one-half per cent. bonds of the City realized 96.50 the amount thus costing 3.50 per cent. interest.

For a City of its years it has exceptional educational facilities. It has a large and well-equipped High School with an efficient staff of teachers. This school is now in affiliation with McGill University, Montreal. There are five large and commodious public schools with 3,000



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pupils and 65 teachers. The value of public school property in January, 1899, was \$318,300. Besides these there are several very good private schools and two efficient commercial Colleges.

The City is well supplied with churches, as follows: Church of England, 4; Presbyterian, 4; Methodist, 3; Baptist, 3; Roman Catholic, 1; Congregational, 1; Lutheran, 1. There is also a branch of the Salvation Army.

Provision has been made for the sick and afflicted by a well furnished and equipped City Hospital, directly under the control of the City Council, St. Paul's Hospital, under the management of the Roman Catholic Church, and St. Luke's Hospital, in connection with St. James' Episcopal Church. Under this head may also be mentioned the Alexandra Orphanage, a home for destitute and orphan children, which is doing a good work.

The City of Vancouver is abundantly supplied with water of the finest quality from the Capilano River, a rapid mountain stream which rises in the range north of Burrard Inlet, and flowing south for about 30 miles, empties into the Narrows or entrance of the Inlet. The fall in the river is about 60 feet to the mile, and the water, which is from melted snow, flowing over the clean gravel or boulders in the bed of the stream becomes thoroughly aerated and palatable.

The supply is taken 6 1-4 miles from the mouth at an elevation of 470 feet above high water mark and conducted in a 22-inch rivetted steel main about 2 1-2 miles to the Canyon, where a tunnel is made through a rocky ledge for about 500 feet. From this a 16-inch (and a 22-inch in process of construction) main of the same material conveys the water to the shore of Burrard Inlet at the First Narrows or entrance to the harbor.

The route of the pipe line is along the valley of the Capilano, and a good wagon road extends the whole distance, giving prompt access to the pipe line and incidentally to some delightful scenery.

Four twelve-inch cast iron mains with flexible joints convey the water across the Narrows, and the laying of these pipes is quite a difficult piece of engineering work, on account of the velocity of the tide and the depth of the water.

On the south side of the Narrows, through Stanley Park and along Pender and Georgia Streets as far as Westminster Avenue, 16 and 22-inch steel rivetted mains extend, connected with a reservoir constructed on the highest part of the park, 245 feet above high water mark, and containing 10,000,000 gallons imperial.

There are about 60 miles of distribution pipes of cast iron from four inches to twelve inches in diameter connected to these steel mains, besides a large quantity of temporary pipe of smaller sizes.

The present number of hydrants is 250, and the number of services to private consumers over 4,000, while the yearly revenue from these is about \$60,000 and the value of the water supplied for City purposes about \$16,000.

The works were originally built by a Company and were taken over by the City in 1892, at a cost of \$440,000, but they have been to a great extent rebuilt and extended, so that the present cost is nearly a million dollars, \$100,000 being

spent in 1899. Under the City's management however, the rates have been greatly reduced, and the services increased from 1,400 in 1892, to 4,200 at the end of 1899.

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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:

Receipts.

From all sources for February.....	\$ 72 15
From all sources for March.....	26 50
From all sources for April.....	19 00
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	\$117 65

Disbursements.

For February.....	\$ 73 65
For March	64 65
For April.....	67 40
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	\$205 70

Liabilities.

Advance by Granville Lodge, No. 3.....	\$ 21 00
Advance by Rathbone Lodge, No. 7.....	21 61
Advance by Crusader Lodge, No. 19.....	21 00
Advance by Secretary.....	120 78
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	\$184 39

Assets.

Outstanding Accounts at April 30th.....	\$137 25
Liabilities in Excess of Assets.....	47 11
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	\$184 39

Liabilities at April 30th.....\$ 47 11
Vancouver, B. C., April 30th, 1900.

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SUPREME LODGE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Bro. Thomas D. Mearns, Supreme Master of Exchequer, has submitted a full and exhaustive statement of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the quarter ended March 31st, 1900. So long is the report that pressure on our space forbids its publication here in full, but it may be noted that it is eminently satisfactory, as can be judged from the following resume: The total receipts were \$40,062.91, and the total disbursements, \$9,720.04, showing a balance on hand of \$30,342.87. The per capita tax collected for the year ending March 31st and included in receipts, as shown in report, is \$35.738.84, and there is about \$3,000 of the amount due in March, not yet paid. The M. of E. has on hand, in addition to the above, the sum of \$1,407.67, belonging to the Hines' Memorial Fund. Of this amount, \$45.87 is interest earned by deposit in Savings Bank.

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Only a limited number of the Souvenir Edition will be printed. Each subscriber will receive a copy of the paper. Members who are not subscribers or those wishing extra copies can have same by applying early to the Secretary. The price will be twenty-five cents.

The Pith & Point



Drink Empire Ceylon Tea.

Use Empire Baking Powder



Of this business is to sell goods, but the selling must be right. Every article shown you must bear the stamp of honest value. Every dollar you spend in this store must be given its fullest purchasing power, else we are false to our trust. We are keenly alive to all this, and the confidence which you have shown and are showing in our progressive business methods will never be abused with our sanction

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Here are a Few Money Saving Items for the Next Two Weeks Selling:

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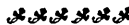
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THOMAS GLEASON SAMPLE, Supreme Grand Chancellor, Alleghany, Pa.

Thomas Gleason Sample was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 27th, 1843. When very young he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1852 he moved to Harrisburg, in the same State, and where, until the age of fourteen, he attended the public schools. Then he became an indentured apprentice in the printing trade, remaining so employed until the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion in 1861.

Under the first call of President Lincoln for 75,000 troops, for three months, in April, 1861, young Sample enlisted in Company F, 25th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was discharged in July, 1861, the term of service having expired. He re-enlisted in August, 1862, as a private in Company F, 127th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was at once promoted to First Sergeant and at the end of the month was further promoted to Second Lieutenant, being then but a boy. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac and participated in all its engagements. In May, 1864, he became connected with the Quartermaster's Department of the Army of the Cumberland, stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was finally discharged in January, 1865.

Brother Sample joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1877, and was elected Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, of that body, in 1895. For the last three years (1895-1898) he has been a member of the Committee on School Histories, in the National Encampment. He was also, for eight years, Secretary of the Soldier's Orphan's Home Commission, which had under its charge over eleven

hundred children. In Grand Army circles Brother Sample is known from ocean to ocean, and his friends and well-wishers are legion.

His connection with the Order of Knights of Pythias commenced with his initiation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September, 1869. He assisted at the organization of Fort Duquesne Lodge, No. 260; was one of the organizers of Great Western Lodge, No. 345, and of Leonidas Lodge, No. 385, and was one of the promoters of Lorena Lodge, No. 198, of Alleghany, Pennsylvania, of which at this date, September, 1898, he is still an honored member.

As to his record in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: In 1876 he was elected Grand Master at Arms; Grand Prelate in 1877; Grand Vice-Chancellor in 1879; Supreme Representative in 1881, entering the Supreme Lodge in 1882. Up to 1893 he was continuously re-elected Supreme Representative, against probably the strongest organized opposition that any member ever had to confront him.

In 1893, owing to the resignation of Stansbury J. Willey as Supreme Master of Exchequer, Brother Sample was chosen for that office by the Council of Supreme Officers, and at the convention of the Supreme Lodge which followed at Washington, in 1894, he was unanimously elected Supreme Master of Exchequer. At the convention at Cleveland, Ohio, August, 1896, he was unanimously elected Supreme Vice-Chancellor, and now at the recent meeting at Indianapolis, on Friday, August 26th, 1898, he was unanimously elected, and on Thursday, September 1st, 1898, he was duly and lawfully installed Supreme Chancellor of the Order of

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Knights of Pythias. Two of the men who met him twenty-five years ago at the crossing of the Monongahela, were there to shake his hand as the Pythian Executive. They were Past Supreme Chancellor Henry Clay Berry, and the writer, William D. Kennedy, who, together with Past Supreme Chancellor D. B. Woodruff, were the only members present at this convention who were participants in the Richmond, Vir-

ginia, meeting in 1873, where first the name of Thomas G. Sample became prominently known in connection with the stirring Pythian events of those days.

Brother Sample is now, and has been for many years a resident of the City of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he is connected with the Fire Bureau.

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OGDEN H. FETHERS, Supreme Vice-Chancellor

JANESVILLE, WIS.

Supreme Vice-Chancellor, Ogden H. Fethers, was born and educated in New York State, and is 53 years old. He has been an active member of the Pythian Order for over twenty years. He was honored with the election of Grand Vice-Chancellor for the Grand Domain of Wisconsin within three years after receiving the rank of Knighthood, in his Subordinate Lodge, and was elected Grand Chancellor the following year. In 1890 he entered the Supreme Lodge, as Representative for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and served continuously in that capacity until 1898, when the Supreme Lodge further honored our distinguished brother by electing him to the office of Supreme Vice-Chancellor—a position we feel satisfied our brother will fill with marked ability and dignity, and in a manner that will meet with the approval of all.

Bro. Fethers, as a lawyer, stands foremost in the ranks of his profession, not only in his own State, but throughout the Union. He has been twice selected to deliver the annual address to the College of Law, of the University of Wisconsin.

St. Lawrence University, New York, conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1895. He has been twice Temporary Chairman, and twice Permanent Chairman of the State Convention of his party, and has been for several years, and is still, a Regent of the University of Wisconsin.

Bro. Fethers, whom we will be pleased to welcome to our domain, visited this Province some few years ago, and those of us who had the pleasure of meeting him have naught but the kindest recollections, and, in the course of events, should our brother be further honored, and decide to pay this Domain a visit, we bespeak for him a hearty welcome.

Brother the Hon. Ogden H. Fethers has been appointed by Bro. President McKinley, to represent the United States at the Paris Exposition. We congratulate Bro. President McKinley on his happy choice, and have no doubt that Bro. Fethers will efficiently perform his duties. The appointment will not in any way interfere with his presence at the Supreme Lodge Convention to be held this Summer in Detroit.

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G. R. MAXWELL, P. C., Editor of "The True Knight."

Bro. G. R. Maxwell, M. P., is a Past Chancellor of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, Vancouver. He has been a member of the Order for many years and always took an active interest in the work. After passing through the several ranks and offices he was elected Chancellor Commander of the lodge. In the political world he has the distinction of being the first member of Parliament returned for the District of Burrard, which is

credited with being 300 miles wide and 1,000 miles long. His energy and large-heartedness enable him, however, to look after the interests of the entire constituency. Prior to going into politics Bro. Maxwell was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, to which he was called in 1890. His labors among the congregation were most successful and greatly appreciated and continued till 1897.

Bro. Maxwell first saw the light of day in Stonehouse, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He was educated at the parish school and, and at the age of 17 preached his first sermon. Having left school at an early age to go into the commercial world, he found little time for study, but by perseverance and energy of character, he forged his way through the difficulties that opposed him and, not only secured knowledge for himself, but dispensed it to others in the form of Winter evening lectures in the Y. M. C. A., of which he was Secretary. Later he entered the Glasgow University, from which he emerged a full blown graduate with honors in Latin, Greek, logic, metaphysics, and moral philosophy. At St. Mungo University he heard several such prominent men of the day as Hon. W. E. Glad-

stone and John Bright deliver the inaugural addresses and otherwise came in contact with the leading lights in both the political and religious world.

Bro. Maxwell's first sermon in the land of his adoption was preached to a Presbyterian congregation at Lower Leeds, Megantic County, Quebec, the first Sunday he put his foot on Canadian soil. After two years spent in that district he was transferred to Three Rivers, where he built up a strong congregation in the midst of which he labored till he came West to Vancouver.

Since the "True Knight" made its first appearance, Bro. Maxwell has figured as its Editor with credit to himself and the Order of which it is the organ.



T. A. SPINK, Publisher of "The True Knight"

Bro. Spink is a Canadian, born in the City of Toronto, Ont., in the year 1859. His early years were spent in Toronto, where he became prominently identified with the printing business. After some four years engaged in this business in Manitoba he came to Vancouver, for a considerable time occupying the position of foreman for the "News-Advertiser." In 1894 he removed to Kamloops, and together with P. C., Bro. W. H. Jones and Mr. A. W. Finbow, published for a couple of years that very bright and creditable paper "The Inland Sentinel." In 1895, at the institution of Primrose Lodge, No. 20, Kamloops, Bro. Spink was one of the first Charter members, and was its first Chancellor Commander, serving in that capacity for two terms, with marked ability and with beneficial results to Primrose Lodge. Bro. Spink has at all times

taken an active part in the work of his lodge, and has given his time and best efforts, as far as possible, for the general welfare and prosperity of our Order in this Domain.

In 1898 he returned to Vancouver and resumed his old position on the "News-Advertiser" staff, which position he occupies at the present time. Bro. Spink is also in charge of the publication of the "True Knight," occupying the position of publisher. His efforts in this direction have been of great service to the Committee in charge, and we cannot but congratulate the good brother on the labor so generously given. Owing to our brother being engaged during the evenings at his business, we seldom see his cheerful countenance in our Castle Hall, and we venture to say that none regret the fact more than the worthy brother himself.

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W. D. MEARNS, Grand Chancellor. (Member of "True Knight Committee")
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Bro. Mearns became a member of the Order in the year 1883, being a Charter member of Peace Lodge, No. 43, of Louisiana. He joined Rathbone by card, December, 1890; was elected C. C. in 1891; Representative in 1884; G. V. C. in 1898, and G. C. in 1899. Unfortunately during the past three months. Bro. Mearns has not been enjoying the best of health. We trust, however, that our good brother may soon be restored to perfect health, and may long be spared to labor for the best interests of Pythianism in this Domain. Bro. Mearns has been prominently identified with the Legislative Committee work of our Grand Lodge for the past five or six years, and in every capacity has proven a thorough and efficient member of the Order. During his term as Grand Chancellor, we ask for him the loyal and hearty support of every brother. And may our brother at the end of his official term be able to point with pride and satisfaction to the good work accomplished.

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J. W. GRAHAM, G. V. C.

Bro. Graham became a member of the Order as a Charter member of Myrtle Lodge, No. 9, Nanaimo, at the institution of that lodge on March 10th, 1891. For a number of years he was one of the most active members of the lodge, filling most of the principal offices, and serving with ability as one of its Representatives in the Grand Lodge. Upon his removal to Rossland he at once, with other good knights, interested himself in the work of organizing a lodge there, and, through their united efforts,

Rossland, No. 21, was instituted. Bro. Graham was elected the first Representative to the Grand Lodge, and was afterwards elected successively G. M. at A., G. P. and G. V. C.—which latter position he now occupies. Bro. Graham has been an earnest worker, and is always ready to give his time and best efforts to the Pythian cause. In the natural course of events we may hope to see our brother in the honorable position of G. C., this year, and we have no doubt that he will endeavor to make his official year one of the best.

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J. L. BROWN, G. P.

Bro. J. L. Brown joined Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 11, the Winter of 1893. He was created C. C. at the institution of Primrose Lodge, No. 20, on November 28th, 1894, and elected G. L. R. the same year. He was appointed G. I. G. in 1898, when the Grand Lodge met in Kamloops and elected G. M. at A. at the same Convention. He was elected G. P. at the session held in Victoria, in 1899.

Bro. Brown has been a faithful worker ever since he became connected with the Order. To his sterling efforts was due the organization of one of the strongest lodges in the Domain—Kamloops, No. 20. The recognition he has received at the hands of the members of the Grand Lodge we feel sure he has merited, and we trust that his future will be one of brightest success, not only within the sphere of Pythian knighthood, but in his every-day life.



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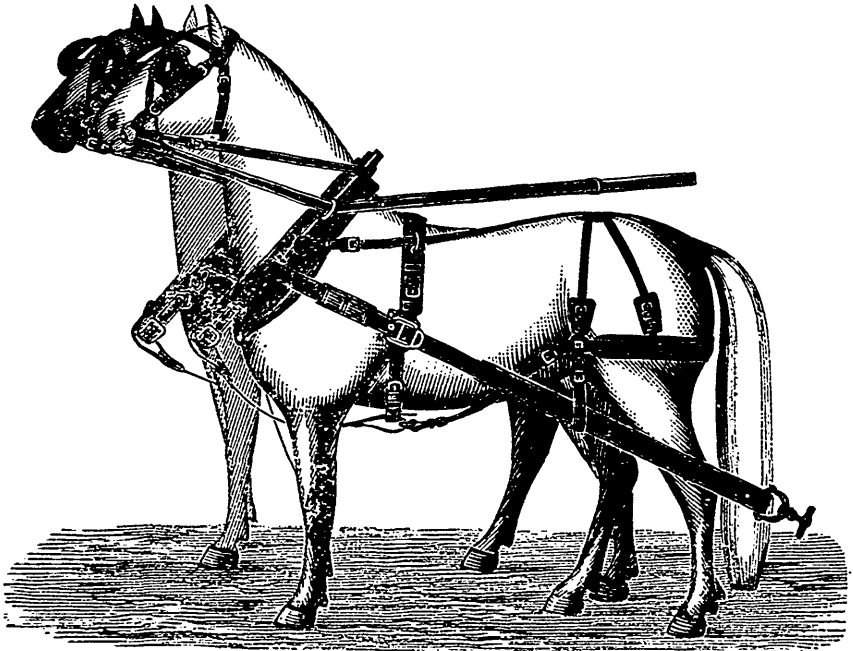


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N. BINNS, G. M. at A.

Bro. N. Binns joined Mystic Lodge, No. 1, Toronto, Ont., in 1885, remaining a member until 1897, when Trail Lodge, No. 23, was organized. He then joined it and was elected its first C. C., and was re-elected twice after resigning at the middle of the third term, to accept the office of Master of Finance, being in office ever since. He is at present M. of E. He was elected Grand Lodge Representative to Kamloops, in 1898, and to Victoria in 1899. At the latter place he was elected G. M. at A.

The services rendered by Bro. N. Binns to the Order do not apply merely to the institution of Trail Lodge. Since 1885, when he connected himself with the Knights in the City of Toronto, he has worked faithfully and with knightly zeal for the best interest of the Pythian cause. His position in the Grand Lodge is a dignified one, and we feel sure that the members of Trail Lodge appreciate the honor the Grand Lodge has done them, through the advancement of Bro. N. Binns.

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D. D. GRIFFITHS, M. of E.

Bro. D. D. Griffiths, of Wellington Lodge, was initiated into Strathrubble Lodge, No. 223, New Strathrubble, Perry County, Ohio, on June 22nd, 1890. He joined Wellington Lodge, No. 2, by card on December 1st, 1893. He was elected C. C. on July 1st, 1895; Representative to the Grand Lodge, January 1st, 1896; Grand Inner Guard in 1899, and is now Master of Exchequer and a very true knight.

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With the July issue of this paper, we will have passed our second year, and as a matter of course it will be for the City lodges to determine, whether or not they will continue the work and have an energetic Committee in charge. In order that our lodges may have ample time to discuss the best means for the future, and that their new Committee may become acquainted with the work, the Committee now in charge of the "True Knight" have duly notified them of the facts, and trust that matters may be so arranged that the coming year will be brighter for the "True Knight," and that the new management will meet with a very liberal support from the membership here. It is not our intention at this time to enlarge upon the work there is in connection with the paper—all of which has been given gratuitously—or of the difficulties and drawbacks we have had to encounter. In due time these facts can be given to the lodges—but we do feel that after two years of work and time given, we have a right to expect that others, and there are plenty capable, should relieve this Committee and continue the good work with renewed vigor, and as we before stated, make the coming year a successful one, financially and otherwise.



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H. J. ANSTIE, S. R., Vancouver, B. C.

A. H. FERGUSON, G. O. G.
NEW WESTMINSTER.

Bro. A. H. Ferguson was born on February 2nd, 1854, in the town of Collingwood, Ontario, where he resided till the year 1877, when he took a notion to try his luck in the far West. After visiting all the principal cities on the Coast, he came to the conclusion to make his home in New Westminster, B. C., where he has remained ever since. He joined Granite Lodge, No. 16, K. of P., in August, 1895, and was elected Inner Guard in January, 1896, which office he held till the end of the term, when he was elected Prelate, filling this station till December 31st, 1896. He was elected Chancellor Commander in January, 1897, holding this office for six months, and was then elected Grand Representative in January, 1899. He attended Grand Lodge session in May, 1899, when he was elected to the office of G. O. G., holding the office of Master of Finance of his own lodge at the present time.

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H. J. ANSTIE, S. R.

Bro. Anstie is a Canadian by birth, born in Middlesex County, Ontario, on July 24th, 1859. His earlier years were spent in Eastern Canada and New York City. In 1882 he removed to Winnipeg, Man., and on February 19th, 1883, became a Charter member of Winnipeg Lodge, No. 1. At the institution of that lodge he was elected M. at A., afterwards twice occupying the office of C. C., and at different times other offices in the above lodge. On his arrival in Vancouver in 1889 he immediately became identified with the brother Knights of this City, and on May 21st, 1890, presented to G. C., C. L. Behnsen, the petition for the first lodge, under the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, with a charter list of some 50 applicants. The lodge was instituted on that date by G. C., C. L. Behnsen, assisted by Supreme Representatives H. F. W. Behnsen and F. M. Bloomquist, and many other good knights. Bro. Anstie was elected its first Chancellor Commander, serving for the first and second terms. He was elected one of the first representatives to the Grand Lodge in 1891, and at that session was elected G. I. G. He was elected G. V. C. in 1892, and G. C. in 1893. During his term as G. C., Victoria No. 17, Victoria, was instituted by Colonel H. F. W. Behnsen, and Coldstream, No. 18, Vernon, and Crusader, No. 19, Vancouver, by himself, ably assisted by P. S. R., C. L. Behnsen and other good knights. The following year he instituted Primrose, No. 20, Kamloops, thus opening the way for Pythian work in our Upper Country. The results we have to-day in ten good lodges in that section of the Grand Domain, with the promise of several more. Bro. Anstie has also taken a share of the work at the institution of Lodges No. 7, 9, 11 and 16. During his official year as G. C. he visited all the lodges and enjoyed the support and confidence of his brother knights, and he refers to their many kindly acts to this day. At the Convention of the Grand Lodge in Vancouver, 1895, he was elected Supreme Representative and served in that capacity at the conventions of the Supreme Lodge in Cleveland,

1896, and Indianapolis, 1898. At the Convention of the Grand Lodge in Victoria, 1899, he was re-elected Supreme Representative, and will attend, with his colleague, Bro. Ackerman, the Convention of the Supreme Lodge in Detroit, in 1900.

Bro. Anstie takes a deep interest in the work of the Order. He has been for some time connected with our famous Vancouver drill team, and is one of the oldest members of the Uniform Rank. He deeply appreciates the honors bestowed upon him, not only by the members of this Domain, but by those of his mother lodge, old Winnipeg, No. 1.

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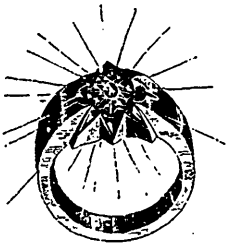
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T. ACKERMAN, S. R.

Bro. Ackerman was born in the Town of Willing, State of New York, on March 29th, 1850, and came to British Columbia in the early part of 1887, settling in New Westminster, where he engaged in the business of contractor and builder. He accepted the position of Chief of Fire Department, in January, 1889, and held the office for ten years and three months, organising the paid department in 1891. As a Fire Chief he was acknowledged by all, who understood the business, to be second to none. When absent on two months' leave, attending the Supreme Lodge at Indianapolis, the city was burned to the ground, and the incoming Council discharged him, refusing to give him any reason for its action. When his successor retired, after holding the office less than one year, some of the business men of the city started a petition asking the Council to re-appoint Bro. Ackerman. This was only circulated in the business portion of the city, and received the names of nearly all of the business men, only six men refusing to sign it, out of over 200 that it was presented to. While the petition was refused (it being practically the same Council that had discharged Bro. Ackerman) it proved that the people had every confidence in him still.

He was a Charter member of Royal Lodge, No. 6, of New Westminster, and was elected its first C. C. and has served in that office no less than seven terms, since that time. He never missed a meeting of his lodge when in the city. He was a Representative at the organisation of the Grand Lodge, and was elected its first O. G., G. V. C. in 1894 and G. C. in 1895. His administration was noted for a strict system of economy, a result of which enabled the Grand Lodge to reduce its per capita tax one-third. He was elected S. R. in 1897, and with Bro. Anstie, S. R., attended the Supreme Lodge at Indianapolis in 1898, and if all is well will attend with the same brother this year at Detroit. He is apparently looked upon as a sort of Pythian guide by travelling brothers, being frequently called upon from all parts of the Supreme Domain, and is always pleased to give them any information in his power. Bro. Ackerman was a member of the U. R. while it existed in New Westminster, and was Captain of the division for two years.

C. L. BEHNSEN, P. S. R.

Bro. Behnson was born April 30th, 1859, and became a member of the Order on January 27th, 1883, as a Charter member of Far West, No. 1, Victoria, affiliated with Granville, No. 3, Vancouver, October 30th, 1886. He was the organiser of said lodge and its first Past Chancellor, and has been for a number of years its M. of E., which office he still occupies. At the institution of the Grand Lodge in Victoria, in 1890, Bro. Behnson was unanimously elected Grand Chancellor, which office he served with marked ability and in such a manner that the Order to-day owes much of its prosperity to Bro. Behnson's careful administration. Our

brother visited all the lodges during his term, and personally instituted Rathbone, No. 7, and Myrtle, No. 9. During his term Damon, No. 8, was instituted by Bro. D. Moffat, at Northfield. Bro. Behnson's labor at that time could be termed purely one of love, for no allowance was made the Grand Chancellor, not that at the present time our grand chancellors can boast of a princely stipend.

Bro. Behnson is a member of the Endowment Rank and the Uniform Rank, being the latter's First Captain, and occupying that honorable position for two terms. In Vancouver, at the Grand Lodge session, 1891, he was elected Supreme Representative, and attended, and served this Domain with honor at the conventions of the Supreme Lodge in Kansas City, 1892, and Washington, 1894.

Bro. Behnson is a valued correspondent to this paper, and an enthusiastic knight, seldom missing his lodge meetings and always on the alert to do what he can for the best interest of the Order and its individual members.

H. F. W. BEHNSEN, P. S. R.

To those of us connected with the history of the Order in the earlier days, and in fact to the great majority of the present membership, no name is held in kindlier recollection or greater honor, than that of our esteemed brother, H. F. W. Behnson, P. S. R. From the very formation of the Order here, Bro. Behnson took an active interest in its welfare, always to be found where work was to be done, and ready to make personal sacrifices, that he might assist in the work of advancing our Order in this Province.

Previous to the organisation of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Behnson was D. S. C., and in that capacity did much towards completing the organisation of the Grand Lodge, in May 1890. Bro. Behnson at that time was elected one of the first Supreme Representatives, and in company with his colleague, Bro. F. Bloomquist, attended the convention of the Supreme Lodge, held in Milwaukee, 1890. Owing to business affairs Bro. Behnson was unable to attend any further session of the Supreme Lodge, but notwithstanding that fact, he still gave his time to the subordinate and Grand Lodge, until he left for the Golden North some three years ago. Since his return from Dawson, he has been engaged in an enterprise in the City of Victoria, which promises success, and our only wish is that he may meet with abundant prosperity and long be spared to meet with the brother knights of the Grand Domain of British Columbia, and give his valuable knowledge and assistance to the welfare of the Order, and his home lodge in Victoria in particular.

In letters oft, as fate designs,
Man reads some kind, though 'twixt the lines;
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JAMES CROSSAN, P. S. R.

James Crossan was born in Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland, on July 9th, 1854. When Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4, was instituted, on June 30th, 1888, he was one of the Charter members and was its first C. C. At the expiration of his term he was appointed M. of F. for two years, and since then has been one of the Lodge Trustees. Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4., being under the jurisdiction of the State of Washington, he represented the said lodge at the Grand Lodge in 1889, held in the City of Olympia. At the institution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, held in Victoria in April, 1890, he was elected G. K. of R. and S. At the session held in Vancouver in 1891 he was elected G. C. During his term there were five lodges instituted. At the session of the Grand Lodge held in New Westminster in 1893, he was elected Supreme Representative and attended the convention held in Washington, D. C., in 1894 and in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1896. He has attended all the sessions of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, with the exception of one, held in Kamloops, when business kept him away. He has been elected as the Representative of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4. for the next two years, 1900 and 1901.

JAS. B. KENNEDY, P. G. C. NEW
WESTMINSTER.

Bro. Kennedy is a native of Ottawa, Ont. He has been 22 years in British Columbia. He first joined the Knights of Pythias as a Charter member of Granville, No. 3. He was also a Charter member of Royal, No. 6, of which lodge he is still a member. He was also a Charter member of Fraser River, No. 12, and remained with the latter lodge until it was amalgamated with Royal, No. 6, when he again became connected with No. 6. He earned his title of P. C. C. by continuous service as M. of E. of Royal Lodge for six years, and was the first G. M. of E. of British Columbia, which office he filled continuously for five years, when he was advanced to the rank of G. Prel., and next year to that of G. V. C., and in the same year attained to the rank of G. C. by the resignation of G. C. Dowling, the balance of whose term he filled.

ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHY.

The name of Messrs. Wadds Bros., photographers of Vancouver and Nelson, is known in almost every town and city in our Province. Indeed the firm might well be called the pioneers of artistic photography in Vancouver. Seven years ago Messrs. Wadds Brothers opened their studio in the Terminal City. As a result of their high-class portraiture and the general finish of their work, combined with the prompt fulfilment of orders and the perfect satisfaction invariably given the patrons, the firm now occupies a position in the foremost rank of Canadian photographers. Their patronage from all parts of the Province became so extensive that some two years ago it was decided to open a Kootenay branch studio. This was established at Nelson, and is under the personal supervision of

David Wadds. Mr. G. T. Wadds and a large staff of artists attend to the work of the Vancouver studio, which is the largest and most replete in the City. Here also can be seen the numerous medals obtained by the firm from the many exhibitions it has sent samples of photographic art to. The excellence of the portraits taken by this firm is chiefly due to the care bestowed in posing, light and shade effects, and the general attention to detail.

WHERE TO STOP.

When visiting Vancouver, stop at the Hotel Commercial. It is situated right in the centre of the City, opposite the Court House, and its bus meets all trains and boats. The new proprietors, Messrs. Haywood and Prescott, are bent upon providing their guests with the best that can be had in the City. They have lately secured the services of a noted French chef, and their dining room has a reputation for excellence untouched by any other in the City. The popularity of the hotel has made it necessary for the proprietors to increase the accommodation and they are about to add some 50 rooms in the adjoining Flack block to the already numerous suites of chambers in the hotel. The Flack block is one of the most modern and handsome buildings in Vancouver, and by acquiring so large a portion of its accommodation, the Hotel Commercial is securing the finest flats of residential chambers available in the city.

AN IDEAL CYCLERY.

One of Vancouver's most attractive stores is the bicycle department of William Ralph, at 24 Cordova Street. It being very tastefully decorated with red, white and blue bunting, large Japanese umbrellas, palms, etc., and without doubt the most complete assortment of cycles ever seen in British Columbia. Wheels to fit all people, and wheels to fit all pockets: Clevelands, Tribunes, Whites, Quicksteps and Roadsters, ranging in price from \$35 to \$85, with juveniles at \$25 and \$30. Mr. Ralph has been in the house-furnishing and plumbing business for many years, and is one of the best-known merchants in Vancouver and has also been in the bicycle business for five years, and judging from the number of Cleveland and Tribune cycles being used. Mr. Ralph can be congratulated on heading the list of sales. One of the most complete repair shops in Canada will also be found here, under the supervision of expert mechanics, where one can be assured of having his wheel repaired promptly and accurately.

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JAS. CROSSAN, P. S. R., Nanaimo



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W. T. WHITEWAY.

Bro. Whiteway was born at Musgrave, Newfoundland, on April 30th, 1856. He joined the Order as a Charter member of Sunset Lodge, No. 10, in 1892, at Victoria, and was granted a transfer card to organize Far East Lodge, No. 14, at St. John's, Newfoundland, the first lodge of K. of P. instituted in that colony, on June 26th, 1894, as a lodge of the Grand Domain of the Maritime Provinces. He was installed Past Chancellor January, 1895 and elected Representative to the Grand Lodge for the years 1895 and 1896; and was unanimously elected Grand Prelate on August 10th, 1896. He was granted a transfer card from Far East to re-organize Halifax Lodge, No. 12, on January 7th, 1897, of which lodge he is still a member.

Bro. Whiteway returned to Vancouver, B. C., in October, 1898, where he is now practicing his profession as an architect. Since his return to Vancouver, Bro. Whiteway has been a fairly regular attendant at the meetings of the City lodges, taking an active part in the work of the different ranks, especially that of the Third, of which he is now looked upon as one of the regular members. He is of a genial disposition, a fluent speaker, and a warm-hearted knight, and has endeared himself to the Vancouver membership. We look forward to the time when the good brother will make Vancouver his permanent home, and affiliate with one of our City lodges.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR EVANS.

Bro. Evans was born on the 25th day of October, in the year 1865, at Charlottetown, P. E. Island. He came to Vancouver in the year 1891. At the organization of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, in the year 1894, Bro. Evans was one of the Charter members, and was unanimously chosen as Chancellor-Commander. He was further honored in being the first Grand Representative of Crusader Lodge, attending the Grand Lodge holding its session at Vancouver in the year 1895. From his first entrance into the Grand Lodge his influence was felt. At the next session of the Grand Lodge, held at Nanaimo, in 1896, he was nominated for the office of M. at A. Although defeated on this occasion he had every reason to feel proud of the support he received for so young a member in the Grand Lodge. In January, 1897, a vacancy having occurred in the office of the Grand Vice-Chancellor, caused by the resignation of the Grand Chancellor, Bro. F. W. Downing, and the accession of the Grand Vice-Chancellor, Bro. J. B. Kennedy, to the office of Grand Chancellor, Bro. Evans was appointed Grand Vice-Chancellor for the unexpired term. At the next session of the Grand Lodge, held at New Westminster in the same year, the services of Bro. Evans were so much appreciated by the Representatives that he was unanimously elected to the office of Grand Chancellor. During his term of office, he proved an ideal Executive—warm-hearted and generous to a fault, he threw his whole heart into the work, and endeavored to advance the cause of Pythianism in the highest plane. How well he succeeded is a matter of record. During his term of office he visited every lodge in this

Grand Domain advising and assisting the brethren in such a way that at the end of his term, the Order had progressed in spite of the general depression of the times. Two new lodges were added to the Grand Lodge, and a better feeling existed among the members throughout the Domain. A true Pythian at heart, an untiring and ceaseless worker in the field of Pythianism, always ready to assist and counsel those less fortunate, Bro. Evans has proved himself an honor to the Order. As Past Grand Chancellor he gives his time and devotes his energy to the advancement of Pythianism in this Domain. At present he is Secretary-Treasurer of "The True Knight," a publication sustained by the three lodges in Vancouver, and it is not too much to say that its success is due in great measure to the zeal and enterprise of Bro. Evans. Bro. Evans enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow-knights to the highest degree, as also that of his business associates. At the present time he is engaged in the insurance business, being Manager of the Union Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Portland, Maine, for British Columbia. A loyal friend, a true Knight, we wish him every success.

AN UP-TO-DATE TOBACCO COMPANY.

Probably no Canadian industry has gone ahead by such leaps and bounds as the tobacco industry has during the past three or four years, and Canadian leaf has lately been responsible for a very material falling-off in the importation of foreign raw-leaf into Canada. Among the goods that have caught the popular taste are the brands made by the Dominion Tobacco Company, of Montreal, whose trade has developed solely by reason of the recognised merit of their products. In both smoking and chewing this progressive young Company have put on the market two brands under the name of "Virgin Gold" (smoking) and "Pommery" (chewing), that are commanding the attention of old smokers and chewers, in the way that is fast classing these brands in the list of "favorites." This Company have recently put a new size of "Black Bass" chewing tobacco, of greatly improved quality, on the market. In size it is 25 per cent. larger than the regular 10-cent plugs, and is sold at the same price. The Dominion Tobacco Company have opened headquarters for British Columbia at the Commercial Block, 115 Columbia Avenue, Vancouver, with Mr. George W. Adams as their representative for the Province.

A REFRESHING DRINK.

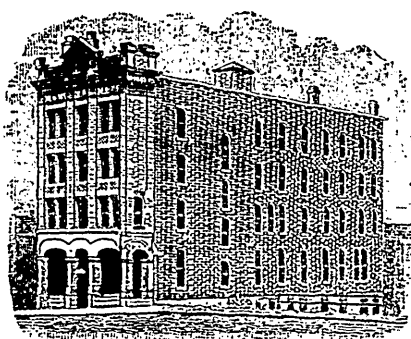
Mr. J. Oben's confectionery establishment on Hastings Street is noted for two things—the excellence of his pastry and the refreshing Summer drinks and ice cream obtainable there. Mr. Oben has always made a specialty of Summer drinks, and the soda fountain in his store is one of the best to be found west of Toronto. He has now added a special icing machine, and on a hot afternoon the weary pedestrian, tired business man or lady shopper can find rest and refreshment in Oben's shady lunch rooms, while quietly sipping one of his many flavored iced drinks or creams.



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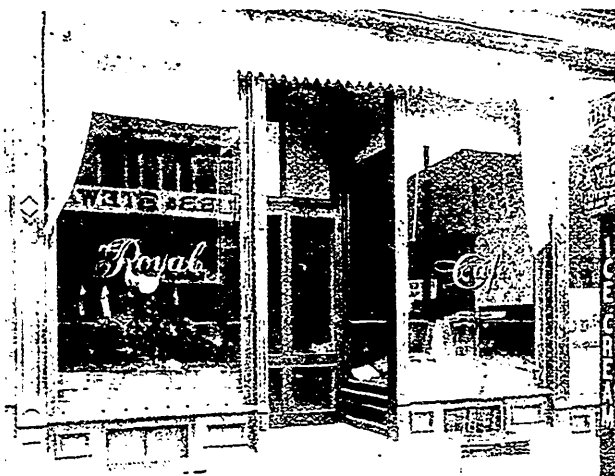
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W. P. SMITH, C. C.

The subject of the above joined *Far West Lodge, No. 1, on January 24th, 1891, when 21 years old. From his first entrance into the Order he has always evinced a great interest in his lodge and the Order at large. In July, 1895, he was installed as M. of E. of the lodge, and served in that office until June, 1899, when he was installed as C. C. of the lodge. So well did he look after the welfare of the interests of the lodge that he was unanimously re-elected for a second term. Nothing that could be said can speak as highly of the qualities of Bro. Smith as the action taken by his lodge, especially when it should be known that Bro. Smith is the first, in the many years since the lodge was instituted, to whom the honor has been conferred to be his own successor in the office of C. C. Bro. Smith is a native son, having been born in the City of Victoria. To him also belongs the credit of being the first C. C. who memorized the Ritual and required each of his subordinates to do likewise.

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G. H. ST. DENIS, C. C.,
GRANVILLE LODGE.

Granville Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, was the third lodge organized in British Columbia, and the first on the Mainland. The Lodge was instituted on the evening of October 30th, 1896, by Bro. Chambers, Deputy Supreme Chancellor, of Victoria, assisted by several brethren from the same city. The idea of organizing a lodge of knights in this City was conceived by Bro. C. L. Behnsen, P. G. C., he being at that time a member of Far West Lodge, Victoria. Two other members of the Order who were interested with him were Bros. F. W. Hart and F. M. Bloomquist. They met for the first time in Kurtz's cigar factory, on Carrall street, a few evenings previous to that memorable Sunday afternoon, June 13th, 1886, when the City was almost entirely destroyed by fire. A couple of months elapsed before another meeting was held, and a week later a third meeting was held, which young men who were not members of the Order, were invited to attend. Committees were appointed to attend to the numerous details of organizing a lodge. Several unofficial meetings were held during September and October, when it was announced that all the arrangements were complete. The necessary outfit having arrived, including the Historic Goat, the twenty-five candidates who were to receive the three ranks of the Order that night, wended their way through the mud, lantern in hand, to Keefer's Hall, on Alexander Street. For, be it remembered, that while Vancouver at the present-time boasts about 30,000 population, paved streets, commodious sidewalks, street lights, &c., in 1886 the population was under 5,000, and there were no paved streets, no street lights; a piece of sidewalk here and there, where there chanced to be a store or real estate office; very little attention was paid to street lines or grades, and a drop of a foot or two from one piece of sidewalk to another, or for that matter into the mud, made very little difference. On arriving at the hall, we were

for a time quartered in the ante-room. Bro. Behnsen gave us one long look of sympathy, as much as to say: "Boys, I am sorry for you; I have been there myself." One good, benevolent-looking brother from Victoria, by way of encouragement, suggested that we go back down town, set a threshing machine in motion, take a header through the machine, and if we came out all right, then come back and join the knights. This proposition we decided to decline. The conferring of the several ranks, and the installation of officers took up the time until daylight in the morning. That morning there were 28 Knights of Pythias on the Mainland of British Columbia, the majority of whom are still members of Granville Lodge. A few have dropped out through that question that has been baffling the heads of all benevolent orders in this country for some time past—non-payment of dues. Did it ever occur to you that the suspensions for non-payment of dues could be reduced at least by half, if we exemplified more in and out of our castle halls the friendship of Damon and Pythias? An unkind word, an idle jest, a call to order in the lodge, sometimes offends a sensitive worthy brother, and rather than say anything, or in any way show that he feels the snub or jest, he drops out by the non-payment of dues route. We are passing through this world for the last time. Let us strive to do all the good we can. Let none of us be responsible for a brother dropping out of our Order by the non-payment of dues road.

We also mourn the loss of a few of our best members who have gone to the Undiscovered Country, from whose bourn no traveller returns.

After our lodge was organized, we were prosperous. An effort was made by some of our members to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Washington. After considerable discussion, this project fell through, a majority of the members holding to the belief that we enjoyed all the privileges of a Grand Lodge, being in direct communication with the Supreme Lodge, and also that it was only a question of a short time until there would be a sufficient number of subordinate lodges in British Columbia to justify organizing a grand lodge. This proved correct, and Granville Lodge, No. 3, supplied the first Grand Chancellor, for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in the person of Bro. C. L. Behnsen, who in spite of the honors conferred on him by the Grand Lodge, never forgets that Granville Lodge meets every Wednesday evening in the Castle Hall, Cordova Street. He holds the office of Master of Exchequer, and members and visitors are almost always sure to find him at his post.

We have a few members in our lodge who find it impossible to attend the lodge meetings, but we have others who always send their dues up by the Master of Finance, or some brother who is sure to attend. They think when they have done this that their responsibility to the lodge ceases. They attend the theatre, the lecture, go for a boat-row, or a spin around the Park on a "bike," never stopping to consider what pleasure the already over-worked officers of the lodge would derive from an occasional visit to the lodge meetings.



W. P. SMITH, C. C., Far West Lodge, Victoria



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G. R. SIMPSON, C. C., Rathbone Lodge, No 7

G. R. SIMPSON, C. C.

Bro. Simpson became a member of Rathbone Lodge and of the Order on March 15th, 1899. Almost immediately after receiving the rank of Knighthood, Bro. Simpson attracted the attention of the members of Rathbone Lodge by the deep interest he manifested in the work and welfare of the lodge, so much so that at the election of officers following the term of his admission he was chosen Prelate of the lodge. The following term he was elected Vice-Chancellor, and while occupying that office, at the majority of the lodge sessions, ably filled the office of Chancellor Commander, to which office he was unanimously elected last December. Bro. Simpson is never absent, when it is at all possible to be present, and his kindly, yet firm manner while occupying the chair has won for him the good opinion and respect of all who have had the pleasure of meeting him within the Castle Hall of Rathbone Lodge. Rathbone Lodge was the first lodge to enroll under the banner of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, being organized shortly after the organization of the Grand Lodge.

On May 21st, 1890, Bros. Anstie, Simon and Hibbard turned over to G. C., C. L. Behnsen, the application form signed by some 45 applicants for the ranks of knighthood, and on the night of the same date, Bro. G. C. Behnsen, assisted by S. R., H. F. W. Behnsen, F. M. Bloomquist and many other members of the Order, instituted Rathbone Lodge, No. 7.

Since the date of institution this lodge has had an eventful career, and at times it seemed that the burden laid upon the lodge was more than it could bear, but she did, with that spirit of perseverance and "stick-to-it-ness," that should characterize every true knight. The majority of her members have not become disheartened, but have worked together with a will, that has kept Old No. 7 still in the ranks, and we have not the slightest doubt that she will remain on the Grand Lodge roster for many, many years of useful work. This lodge, along with the other city lodges, is gradually adding new members to its membership, and well-officered as it is, with an excellent Presiding Officer and Vice, and without any exception having one of the most efficient K.'s of R. and Seal, and other officers well up to their duties, there seems to be no reason why Rathbone Lodge should not meet with a long season of prosperity.

THE SOUVENIR EDITION.

It is a source of great satisfaction to this Committee to realize the success they have had in connection with this Souvenir number, and while a great amount of time and labor has been given to make it a successful edition, we are gratified and feel amply repaid by the way in which our lodges and brothers have responded in the matter of cuts, sketches and other interesting articles, all of which we feel sure, will be highly appreciated by the membership, when they have perused the columns of this Souvenir Number. We feel greatly indebted to the City Council, our citizens and all who

have favored us with advertising matter for this issue. This, of course, is the more important feature in connection with the success of the paper. Without financial aid we can do but little, and to the many who have helped by giving our Secretary that assistance, we tender our thanks, and trust that our many readers will not forget. To those of our citizens who have patronized the columns of the "True Knight," we regret that we are unable to have every lodge in the Domain represented in this issue. We have certainly used every effort to do so, and, for reasons which we cannot explain, some of our lodges have not responded. We trust, however, that we may have more of such issues, and those who are not now represented may have an opportunity.

A GREAT ENTERPRISE.

Of all the industries in Vancouver, perhaps none shows such a marked increase in business and capacity as the Pioneer Steam Laundry. From a small concern with half a dozen employees and one delivery wagon, it has grown until now some seventy-five hands are employed, and its seven handsome wagons are daily seen on our streets. Additions to the buildings and plant are continually required, and as constantly added to, as the trade demands.

In addition to the large local trade, agencies have been opened in various parts of the Province, and large shipments arrive and depart daily by boat, tram and train.

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CELEBRATING THEIR ANNIVERSARY.

Messrs. Clubb & Stuart, Clothiers and Men's Furnishers, have just celebrated their 10th anniversary in business in this city. They opened up in a small way on the first day of April, 1890, at No. 430 Cordova Street. During the 10 years their business has developed in a marvellous way. Several times they have been compelled to enlarge their premises to accommodate their ever increasing trade. After a few years in their first store they moved to the corner of Cordova and Homer Streets, where by strict attention to business their trade increased so rapidly that they found it necessary to move to their present stand, No. 160 Cordova Street, where they carry the largest and finest stock of men's, youths', boys' and children's clothing and furnishings to be found in the Province. A tailoring department is also conducted by this firm. They are thoroughly up to date as the popularity of the establishment as a shipping centre will attest, their business having trebled in the last three years. The building they occupy is 33 feet front by 80 feet deep, 100 storeys high, and is used entirely by themselves, and even now they find their accommodation too small.



JOHN FORRESTER, C. C., Granite Lodge, No. 16, New Westminster



THOMAS RILEY, C. C., Coldstream Lodge, No. 18 Vernon

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JOHN FORRESTER, C. C.
GRANITE LODGE.

Bro. John Forrester was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He came to this Province nearly twelve years ago, and has resided here ever since. He is a Charter member of Granite Lodge, No. 16, which was instituted in 1893. He was elected or appointed Outer Guard at that time, and the next term was elected to the office of M. of E., which position he held continuously for six terms. After an interval of a year he was elected to the office of Prelate, and then was Vice-Chancellor for a term, after which he reached the position he now holds as C. C. of Granite Lodge, No. 16.

COLDSTREAM LODGE.

In December, 1893, Bro. Muller, the veteran member of Coldstream Lodge, No. 18, who at that time was a member of Granville Lodge, No. 3, of Vancouver, with the assistance of Bro. Leishman of Royal Lodge, No. 6, and Bro. Schubert, of Far West Lodge, No. 1, started a petition with the ostensible purpose of organising a lodge in Vernon, and as a result of their efforts, 31 names were secured. The lodge was instituted by Grand C. Anstie, assisted by Supreme Lodge Representative C. L. Behnsen, of Vancouver, on the 24th of January, 1894. Since inauguration Coldstream Lodge has always been in a good financial position, with the attendance up to the mark, and the greatest interest manifested by the brethren. Our membership has steadily increased, and to-day we can number 47 "good knights and true." Bro. Thomas Riley, the present C. C., is one of the Charter members, and at this point we would like to say that the C. C. is the right man in the right place, and the bosom friend of every member of the lodge. This is his second term as C. C. The G. L. R. is Bro. H. G. Muller, the terror of the 47, and one of the hardest workers in the lodge, and to him is due a large share of praise for the success of No. 18. But we must not close without saying a good word for Bro. Ed. Goulet, the "little man with the big heart." A rustler he is in the cause of Pythianism. Bro. Goulet left us last Summer to take up his residence in Kamloops. Our loss has been Kamloops' gain.

It is not necessary for us to mention the individual members of the lodge; suffice it to say that the brethren, one and all, are doing what they can to advance the interests of the Order.

WITH REGRETS.

It is with regret we have to report that Brother Anstie, Supreme Representative, is on the sick list. He has been ailing for some time. At the hour of going to press the reports received are more encouraging and we hope that our esteemed brother will be sufficiently recovered by the time the "True Knight" is in the hands of its readers, to enable him to take a little change and regain health and strength to enable him to grapple with his duties at the

Grand Lodge meeting. His absence from the latter would be an inestimable loss to the Order, as he is an inexhaustible worker.

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Kendall's Cyclery Depot is the most popular bicycle livery in Vancouver. A large stock of 1900 wheels are always on view in the show-rooms, including the noted "Red Bird" and "Scotsman" machines. Repairs are promptly and well executed. Bicycle lamps and sundries generally can always be obtained here, and a pump to blow up his tire is always at the disposal of the wheelman, through the courtesy of the proprietors.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Supreme Chancellor Sample has appointed Past Supreme Representative James C. de La Mare, of New York City, a member of the Supreme Tribunal in place of the late William B. Gale. A most excellent appointment. Bro. de La Mare is a leading member of the New York bar, and his legal training and Pythian experience eminently fit him for the position of Supreme Tribune.

REGRETTABLE DELAY.

Cuts and Communications Too Late for Souvenir Edition.

We are in receipt of several letters and photos from different lodges in the Domain, and the Committee regrets exceedingly that they have come to hand too late for the Souvenir Edition. We thought we had given ample time and plenty of notice to all lodges, in matters relating to this Souvenir Edition, the first notice having been sent to all lodges in the month of January, and further notices having been sent at intervals since then. We trust that those who have been disappointed will not attach the blame to the Committee, as we did not wish to put them to the expense of a cut when it could not appear in this Souvenir Edition.

THE ROYAL CAFE.

When taking a trip to the Coast, all Knights of Pythias should drop in and have lunch at the Royal Cafe, Cordova Street, or if you are in the Westminster Avenue end of the City, the Montreal Bakery lunch rooms, nearly opposite the City Hall, are just as handy. Both are run by T. Strange, who is well-known to the Knights of Vancouver. He has catered at nearly every ball and social given at the Castle Hall, and his pastry has earned a name for itself that might well cause the envy of his rivals in the confectionery business.

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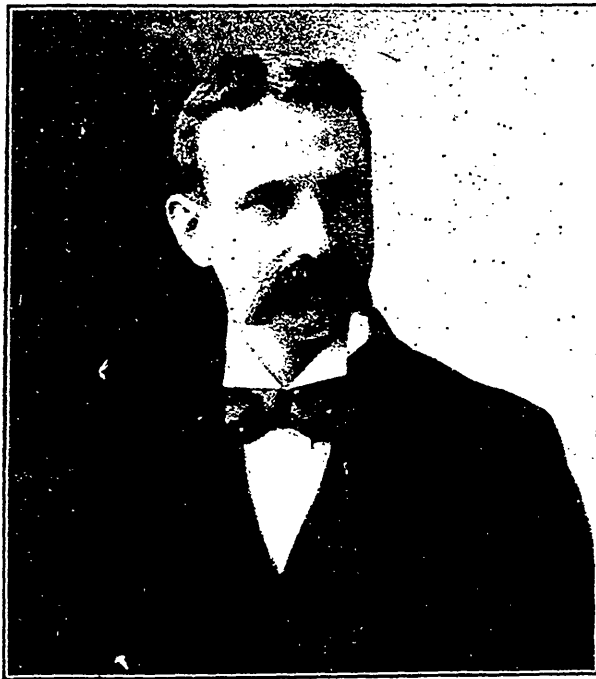
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G. H. HODGSON, C. C.
CRUSADER LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—I shall endeavor to give you a short and pithy statement of the history of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, K. of P., up to date, for this, your Souvenir Number of the "True Knight."

A meeting was called in the K. of P. Castle Hall, Vancouver, on May 22nd, 1894 by the Grand Chancellor, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a new lodge of Knights of Pythias in the City. There were about thirty gentlemen present, and, the general feeling being favorable, it was decided to institute a new lodge. After considerable discussion and the use of the ballot, it was decided to call the new lodge "Crusader," it being "symbolic of things ideal." The official number given was 19, of the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia. On the evening of May 30th, 1894, the lodge was instituted by G. C. Anstie, and about 30 applicants were initiated into the ranks of Pythian knighthood, by members of the following lodges: Granville, No. 3, Rathbone, No. 7, and Mount Pleasant, No. 11, and visitors from other lodges. After the initiatory ceremonies, the following officers were officially elected and installed: C. C., J. E. Evans; V. C., G. S. Center; P., T. H. Goldie; M. of W., C. H. Yates; K. of R. and S., J. H. Simpson; M. of E., R. B. Morton; M. of F., J. A. Kendall; M. at A., H. Hoffmeister; I. G., A. Ward; O. G., J. B. McPhail.

Upon the newly installed officers assuming their respective stations, Crusader Lodge, No. 19, K. of P., for the first time was called to order for the despatch of business at 5 o'clock a. m. on May 31st. Having made such an early start, is it any wonder that ever since we have been able to push onward and upward in the cause of right?

The first reverse we met in our glorious career was the death of our beloved Bro., C. W. McAuley, who died September 24th, 1894, since which time, I am glad to say, the scyckle of the Grim Reaper has spared our membership.

After we had eschewed the use of swaddling clothes, as the baby lodge of the Grand Domain of British Columbia, and were brought to face life's stern realities, we began to lose some of our membership (as all lodges do) by that baneful of secret societies—"non-payment of dues," but by a strong pull and a pull all together, we were able to stem the current of adversity by getting in a number of new members, and thus revive the latent interest of our membership, and at the same time teach others that there is no more noble effort put forth during a man's life than that in the cause of humanity and right.

We have had some honors conferred upon our membership and through them on the lodge, namely the office of Grand Chancellor, "that lodestone of all true knights," which our worthy Bro. J. E. Evans filled for the term ending May, 1894, with honor to himself and those who assisted him as the several Grand Lodge officers.

Now, Mr. Editor, in case this may be growing rather lengthy I will close with this statement of our present standing:

Our finances are stronger than ever before, our membership is not as large as at one time, but consists of that material which will build up any lodge, not break it.

At present our lodge is under the control of C. C., G. H. Hodgson, "that worthy knight whom all brothers love and acquaintances respect," assisted by a very popular, efficient staff of officers.

We will be represented in the Grand Lodge this session by Bro. H. Hoffmeister, "our old war-horse," one whom we expect will give a good account of himself.

Yours in F. C. and B.,
J. McDONALD, P. C.
Crusader, No. 19.

PRIMROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—In attempting to write up a short history of the career of Primrose Lodge, No. 20, K. of P., for the Souvenir Edition of the "True Knight," I feel myself handicapped, knowing that if I gave Primrose Lodge justice I would be occupying too much valuable space in that official organ representing Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, in connection with our beloved Order, and most appropriately called "The True Knight."

Primrose Lodge, Knights of Pythias, can truthfully be called the power "par excellence," of Kamloops, being by far the largest and most popular fraternal organisation in the city, having a membership consisting of most of the leading citizens, some prominent in municipal honors and business enterprises. C. C., Bro. J. L. Brown, might be rightfully called the "Justus H. Rathbone" of Kamloops, as it was through his energies, assisted by that Pythian "War-Horse," Supreme Representative Bro. H. J. Anstie, that Pythianism first entered our fair city. Bro. Anstie is too well known throughout the entire Province in connection with Pythian work, to need comment here. He can safely be called "The Bobs" of our Order in this Domain. Since Instituting Officer H. J. Anstie and Organiser J. L. Brown, on November 23th, 1894, first sowed the seed of Pythian friendship, which is only excelled in virtue in the sacred history of Christ, our lodge has grown apace. Starting with 53 Charter members, we have at the present writing over 100, all in good standing, and with about a score of candidates to receive the ranks in the near future. The following are the names of the pioneer officers of Primrose, No. 20: C. C., Thomas Spink; V. C., Charles Meyers; Pre., W. H. Jones; M. of W., A. D. Harding; K. of R. and S., W. Lang; M. of F., Robert Bunt; M. of E., D. C. McKenzie; M. at A., G. D. Brown; I. G., George Welsh; O. G., T. D. Smith.

Bros. J. W. Jenkins, Edward Austin, Joseph McCrum, John Herkmer, and J. L. Brown were created P. C.'s.

Bros. Robert McKay and J. L. Brown have creditably filled the position of Lodge Deputies since its organisation. Our Grand Representatives have been Alderman Bro. G. D. Brown and Bro. J. L. Brown, the 1898 session of the Grand Lodge being held at Kamloops.

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Primrose Lodge has not only kept the banner of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence waving, but it has been the means of extending the Order, by establishing two good, flourishing lodges in the towns of Revelstoke and Nelson. It might be of interest to note here that we have only lost one member by death in six years, which speaks volumes for Kamloops as a health resort. Our present Lodge Deputy is P. C., Bro. Robert McKay, who though "wee" in stature is mighty in spirit and Pythian fidelity, love and energy. Bro. McKay is a most indefatigable worker, and much of the present prosperity that Primrose Lodge is now enjoying, can be traced to "Bobby," who at present holds the office of M. of F.

P. C., Alderman G. D. Brown, brother of our worthy Organiser, has always identified himself with Pythianism, and is a true knight at heart, conspicuous for his maintaining what he thinks is right at all costs.

Bros. Charles Meyers, Robert Bunt, D. C. McKenzie, W. Lang, John Herchmer, John Moore, Thomas Guest, Ernest Fletcher, Rod Cameron, C. T. Godfrey, George Welsh (who is now serving in the South African War) and Joe McGee (Poet a la Primrose) are the names of some of the faithful few who helped to push the wheels of Pythian progress along in the early days.

Our newly-elected Grand Lodge Representative, P. C., Brother George Mallery, is at the present time admirably filling the position of K. of R. & S. and Lodge Correspondent. Bro. Mallery is one of our leading up-to-date druggists, whose genial countenance is generally to be seen among the boys on Lodge night.

Bro. Thomas Spink, the first C. C. that ever held sway in our Castle Hall, now residing in Vancouver, and the popular publisher of "The True Knight," is so well known in Pythian circles that it is needless to say more than that what was Kamloops' loss, as a citizen and a good knight, is Vancouver's gain.

And so, Mr. Editor, I could fill volumes were I to comment on the individual merits of the members, especially the new material we have seen recently ranking. They are all "jolly good fellows" and proved themselves true as steel. Now I may add in conclusion that this paper would be incomplete were I not to mention one other old Charter member, the inimitable P. C., Bro. Joe McCrum. Joe is Primrose's comedian. His geniality, wit and Irish characteristics, combined with his sterling worth as a knightly knight, have made him one of the most pleasant and popular members of Primrose Lodge, No. 29.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

PRIMROSE.

Kamloops, B. C., April 4th, 1900.

ROSSLAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Rossland Lodge, No. 21, is still in existence, even if we are not seen a print very often. We are moving along the even tenor of our way, getting autographs on our roster, thereby pushing the good work of Pythianism along. We have our Committees appointed for the entertainment of the Grand

Lodge, which meets in our good city on the 8th and 9th of May.

Rossland Lodge, No. 21, was instituted on April 17th, 1896. Bro. Leason, of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, being the duly appointed deputy. We started out with a membership of about 40, and in keeping our Charter open for some two or three months, added to it about 25 more names, making a total of 65 Charter members. Many of the charter members have gone from our midst; some of the faithful are still with us, and their familiar faces are to be seen every Friday evening. Rossland is no exception to any other mining camp, and as you are all aware we are of a migrating class, consequently we always have visitors with us, and I want to publicly thank them for their timely assistance when we were green with the work. They were friends indeed when we were in need. As a lodge we have not grown to that numerical strength which we would like, but we have no complaints to make. Our last semi-annual report shows 90 members in good standing. A little over a year ago an Endowment Rank was started and it still continues to be an essential part of our lodge. Bro. John W. Graham, is our present Grand Vice-Chancellor, to whom much credit should be given in getting No. 21 started, and who has ever been a faithful and energetic member, having been in office ever since we were instituted.

In many ways has our lodge improved during the past year. The attendance is much better than formerly and the interest that the members take in the Good of the Order is very marked. We have just added to our assets a most complete set of robes and lanterns, illustrating the rank work, which is a decided improvement and gives to the candidates a much clearer conception of our glorious Order. Let the good work go on and more power to us, is the word that is being passed along.

Yours fraternally,

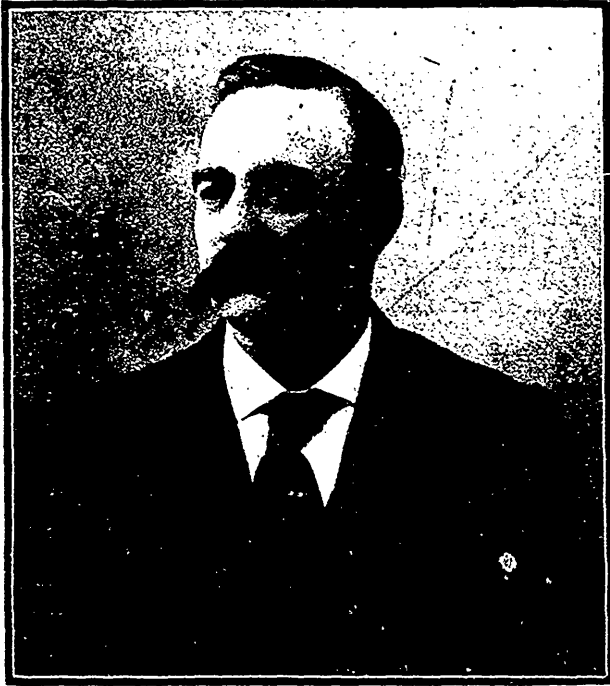
A. G. CREBLMAN.

NEW DENVER LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—In the exciting search for silver-lead ores, the richness and quantity of which have made famous in many distant lands, the Sierran country; during the anxiety consequent upon such a fascinating speculation, business around a lake of wonderfully rare and picturesque scenes, a spirit of genuine Pythian Knighthood seems to find true exponents in brethren from all parts of our Dominion. Some came from the Arcadian fields down by the sea, some from the undulating prairies of the North West, others from the mountain districts of our own British Columbia. Little difficulty was met in arousing a deep and lasting interest in this fraternal Order, and soon New Denver Lodge, K. of P., No. 22, was instituted, on February 22nd, 1897. Bro. H. H. Knox, of Hamota Lodge, Grand Domain of Manitoba, was instituting officer and the first C. C.

The following assisted at the institution: Bros. M. E. McLeod, Rathbone Lodge, Vancouver; R. W. R. Ross and Iodre Rossland; E. Shaanon, Ne-pi-wa Lodge, Ne-pi-wa; J. Knight,



S. B. SHAW, C.C., Rossland Lodge, No. 21, Rossland



JOHN GOETTSCHIE, C. C., New Denver Lodge, No. 22, New Denver

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; C. F. Nelson, Alberta Lodge, Calgary. There were 26 charter members up to March 15th, 1897.

During the times of depression the lodge worked long and well, and with an excellent Executive came through the trying ordeal in good fraternal and financial condition.

Our Relief and Sick Committees have fulfilled their mission, and many a brother has been made to feel that benevolence and fellow-sympathy exist, as in the the Knightly Age.

We have a pleasant, comfortable Convention Hall in the Cleveley Block, where all visiting knights are cordially invited to share our hospitality, which by the way, gives us a social distinction among our citizens and the friends from the adjoining towns.

The following have been the C. C.'s in succession: Bros. H. H. Knox, C. F. Nelson, W. J. Spaul, W. P. Evans, S. Sutherland, C. E. Smitheringale, J. Soettsche.

Our present C. C., Bro. J. Soettsche, joined the Order on March 28th, 1898, and has filled the following offices: I. G., M. W., V. C. Our brother is an earnest worker, ever striving to exemplify the practical side of the Order, and the lodge has every reason to be proud of their C. C.

At present 47 members are in good standing.

We have before us in our lodge a very reasonable assurance of a material increase in our members. We wish for the "True Knight" a full cup of success in its Souvenir Edition.

Fraternally yours in F. C. and B.

JOHN WILLIAMS, K. of R. and S.

New Denver, B. C., April 5th, 1900.

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SANDON LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.,—We beg to enclose a short sketch of our lodge, Sandon Lodge, No. 24, K. of P. The history of Sandon Lodge, No. 24, K. of P., has been short and uneventful, it having been instituted on May 19th, 1897, by P. C., Brother Knox, assisted by the officers of New Denver Lodge, No. 22.

Our lodge was launched with 23 Charter members, thanks to the good work of Brother H. C. Holden, who is mainly responsible for our existence.

Our first C. C. was Brother W. W. Fallows, late of Winnipeg, who also continued his good services during the following term. During his regime we added quite largely to our membership.

Our next C. C. was Brother G. W. Gimmett, who possibly has done most for the welfare of our lodge, being a constant attendant, and ever ready to help the work along.

Brother C. C. Culver, next to occupy the chair, was a most zealous knight, and the lodge enjoyed its most prosperous term under his guidance.

The next succeeding officers in rotation were Brothers Oscar V. White, P. C., and Brother the Rev. J. A. Cal-

and, now of Eugene, Oregon, U. S. A., who piloted the lodge through the past year of great adversity under which our section of the country has just passed, and no doubt the lodge owes much to their zeal for our present standing.

To our present C. C., Brother G. M. Spencer, we look for much during the present term, and we hope that the lodge has entered upon a new year of prosperity.

Our lodge has been particularly fortunate in that we have had only to mourn the loss of one brother.

Our membership now stands at about 55, in good standing. The hard times have dragged our numbers down, but we trust we have found the bottom, and that we may now look forward to happier days.

Our lodge can boast of a company of the Uniform Rank, known as No. 5, which was instituted on December 8th, 1898, by Captain Behnsen, of Vancouver, who came specially for the purpose. The present strength of the company is 24, and a great majority of the members take much interest in the work. We are adding slowly but surely to our numbers. Brother G. M. Spencer has been Captain since institution.

Submitted in behalf of the lodge.

I remain yours in F. C. and B.

A. S. WILLIAMS,

K. of R. and S.

Sandon, B. C., April 24th, 1900.

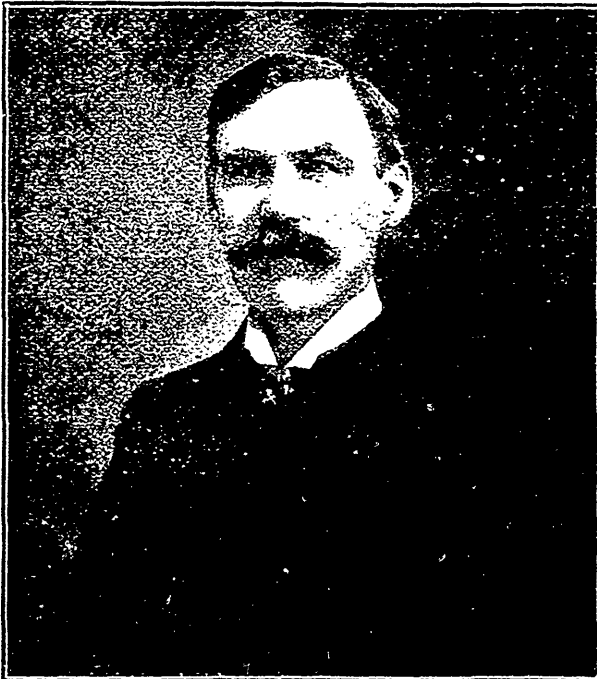
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REV. BRO. J. IRVINE.

Rev. J. Irvine was born in St. Andrew's Parish, in the County of Lisgar, Manitoba, on the 18th day of August, 1873. He was educated in the parish school, then taught by the late Hon. John Norquay, afterwards M. P. P., and for a long period Premier of Manitoba. After leaving school Mr. Irvine was engaged in farming in the Scotch settlement of Kildonan for a number of years; leaving this he followed the business of surveying for a few years, in the early days of the new Province of Manitoba, after which he entered St. John's College, Winnipeg, taking a theological course to prepare for missionary work under the Church Missionary Society of England. He was ordained deacon on the 7th of June, 1890, by Bishop—now Archbishop—Machray of Ruperts Land, and immediately took charge of a new mission at Lac Seul, in the District of Keewatin, north-east of Winnipeg, being the first resident missionary in that district. Here he remained in a practically foreign mission for nine years, and was very successful in his work. He was ordained priest in 1891. In 1899 he removed to Garden River, in the Diocese of Algoma, where he remained three years, and was then appointed Principal of a large industrial home. In 1904 he removed to Vancouver, and was Curate to the Rev. H. G. F.-Clinton, taking all the mission work outside



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of Vancouver in connection with St. James' Parish. In 1896 St. Michael's Church, Mount Pleasant, separated from St. James, and became an independent parish, and Mr. Irvine was appointed the first Rector, where he still remains. He is a prominent member of the Masonic, I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and other societies. He received the rank of knighthood in Alzoma Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and on his arrival in Vancouver, became a member of Granville Lodge, No. 3. The members of this lodge, recognising the abilities of Bro. Irvine, soon elected him to the office of V. C., which office he occupied so very satisfactorily that they elected him as C. C. the following term. In 1897 he was elected as their Grand Lodge Representative, which office he still holds, having attended every Grand Lodge session faithfully since then, and without doubt we will have the pleasure of seeing his genial face in Rossland the coming session. In 1896 Bro. James Irvine was elected M. of F., in Granville Lodge, and the present financial prosperity of this lodge is greatly due to his untiring exertions in collecting the dues and otherwise looking after the financial affairs of his lodge, for he allows no brother to be suspended for N. P. D., if it is in his power to prevent it, and he shirks no trouble, but goes to the brothers to collect the dues if they happen to forget to send them in. If every lodge had such a painstaking M. of F., there would be less suspensions for N. P. D. Brother Irvine has also been a very active member of Vancouver Company, No. 4, U. R., which he joined shortly after his arrival in Vancouver. In 1896 he was elected as 1st Lieutenant of this company, which commission he held until February, 1900, when he was elected as Captain, and although only a short time ago, the push and energy with which he takes hold of everything, already makes itself felt in the company, bringing in new members, so that it will be only a short time until this company will be again on the top rung of the ladder. In fact Bro. James Irvine is a true Pythian in every sense of the word, an exemplification of the teachings of our noble Order. Would that we had many more like him. Bro. Irvine is also a member of the "True Knight" Committee for Granville Lodge since January last, in which capacity he also does his duty, and it is greatly surprising to those who know him best, that the members of the Grand Lodge have not recognised the sterling qualities of this brother, as is evidenced by the fact that he has never yet been elected to any office in the Grand Lodge, but if ever they do, he will do them credit, of that we are sure.

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G. THOMAS, K. of R. and S.

Bro. G. Thomas became a member of the Order and of Granville Lodge, No. 3, on March 10th, 1892. and at that meeting of the lodge tendered to Bro. Fred Ward, the famous tragedian, who was holding the boards in the Vancouver Opera House at that time, an invitation to be present. The brother responded, and acted in the position of Prelate during the conferring of the Third Rank, administering to the Esquire,

the obligation in excellent form. Bro. Thomas, by the interest he manifested in the lodge, soon had the attention of the members, and at the election of officers, in January, 1893, he was elected M. of F. Serving in that office for one year, he was promoted to the office of Vice-Chancellor in January, 1894. The following term he was elected Chancellor Commander, filling that office with marked ability, and successfully mastering the full ritualistic work. He afterwards occupied the station of P. C. Bro. Thomas at present occupies the office of K. of R. and S., having continuously filled it since April 15th, 1896.

Bro. Thomas became a member of the Uniform Rank on June 26th, 1895, and for three years was the Sir Knight Recorder, faithfully discharging the duties of that office. At the last general elections of the Company, he was unanimously elected First Lieutenant of the Company, and we have no doubt our Sir Knight will do honor to the office and credit to himself. He has been a member of the Endowment Rank for many years, and since January, 1898, has been Secretary for the section in this City.

In the many difficult positions Bro. Thomas has been chosen to fill, he has discharged his duties faithfully and with ability, and is deserving of great credit for the interest he has displayed in the welfare of the Order.

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Probably no one will be missed at the coming session of the Grand Lodge more than will our friend and brother John McDonald, of the late Langley Lodge, No. 13. It seems a pity that a lodge with such good men as Bro. McDonald, and many others should be compelled to surrender their charter. Financially well off, the only reason was that our brothers were so scattered in residence, that it was impossible for them to keep up a quorum. We trust that Bro. McDonald and the other good brothers will not fail to connect themselves with one of the lodges near to Langley, and that we may have the benefit of their membership for many years to come.

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E. C. BRITTON, P. C.

Second Lieutenant Vancouver Company No. 4,
U. R.

Bro. Britton joined the Order as a Charter member of Granville Lodge, No. 3. He has been one of the most regular and active members of his lodge, and he was elected Chancellor Commander in January, 1897, and at different times has served his lodge in various other offices. He was one of the Charter members of Vancouver Company, No. 4, U. R., and has filled the office of Sir Knight Treasurer almost continuously since organization, until this year, when he was unanimously elected Second Lieutenant of the Company. In every position our brother has been elected or appointed to, he has fulfilled his duties faithfully and well, and is looked upon as one of the solid knights of Vancouver.

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PAST-CAPTAIN JOHN CROW, U. R.

Bro. John Crow, Past-Captain of Vancouver City Company, No. 4, U. R., K. of P., was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Queen City of the West, on September 12th, 1852, and became a Charter member of Granville Lodge, No. 3, December 15th, 1896. He ably filled the position of M. at A. at the institution of Loyal Lodge, No. 6, New Westminster, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, and Crusader, No. 19, of Vancouver, as well as at that of Nanaimo, No. 4, and at Myrtle, No. 9, of the Coal City. At present, although a P. C., he is serving as I. G. of Granville Lodge, No. 3. He was elected Representative to Grand Lodge, taking great interest in the good work done there. His knowledge of military service in the U. S. Army and Navy was appreciated by the Knights, who elected him Captain three terms in succession.

Bro. Crow is ever at hand when wanted and takes a prominent part in the Amplified Team. That he long may be with us, is our earnest wish.

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Charles Nelson, the head of the Nelson Drug Stores Company, of Vancouver, B. C., arrived in the Terminal City soon after the Big Fire of 1886. After several weeks sojourn he made up his mind that Vancouver was to be the Liverpool of the Pacific and decided to settle down to business. He learned his business and profession in Manchester, England, with one of the oldest and best chemists of the North of England. His business abilities cropped out in his work for others in Manitoba and the North West, his late employer offering him a partnership in his business to stay with him. The City Drug Store (Nelson's) was opened on December 15th, 1886, adjoining the now "non-est" Bodega, and for some two years continued there successfully. On the completion of the first brick block on Cordova Street, the Wilson Block, he moved there. At this time, 1888, he was told by many he was going too far west. What do they think now? On the vacation of the corner by Rand Brothers, Mr. Nelson moved again to No. 100, at the corner of Abbott, where the Nelson Drug

Stores Company was incorporated, and is to-day one of the brightest samples of commercial success of Vancouver and British Columbia. Thus for nearly fourteen years Mr. Nelson has successfully conducted business in our midst, besides investing in many of our primary industries to be for the good of Vancouver and British Columbia, but not as a rule much good to the investor. The Nelson Company now carries on a general drug and sundries business, wholesale, jobbing and retail, and has one of the largest stocks in the Province. It also gives the part of the efforts to the seed business. This is where the abnormal increase has been, from a sale of 25 in 1887, to 3,000 in 1897 (10 years); 1859 and 1900 will run to nearly 5,000 pounds. They issue an annual catalogue of seeds, which is a credit to the Company and British Columbia. Altogether Mr. Nelson is one of our most energetic and successful business men, and any thing he or the Company say they will do can be relied upon. Bro. Charles Nelson is one of Granville, No. 3, members, and has been a patron of our advertising columns since the paper was started.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to Kurtz & Company's Pioneer Cigar Manufacturers' advertisement in the "True Knight." This firm is, as their name indicates, the pioneer white labor cigar factory in the Province, being established in 1878 by John Krutz, who was well and favorably known throughout British Columbia; and who remained at the head of the firm until his death in 1891, when he was succeeded by our Bro. C. L. Behnsen, P. S. R., who had been with this firm since January, 1882, and who is still at the head, and through his management and knowledge of the business has succeeded to make the name of his firm, "Kurtz & Company," stand as a guarantee of honesty and excellence for their brands of cigars, the best and leading brands of their manufacture being the "Kurtz's Own," "Kurtz's Pioneers," and "Spanish Blossoms," and any brother who desires to smoke a really good cigar, should smoke either of said brands. Bro. Behnsen has been a true friend of this journal, having carried their firm's advertisement from the very first number, without intermission. It may also be of interest to know that the majority of their workmen are members of our Order and very active ones at that.

The Army and Navy cigar and tobacco store, 46 Cordova Street, carries one of the best assorted tobacconist's stocks in the city. Mr. Gerster has always been a strong advocate of Union Label cigars and carries in stock a complete line of British Columbia and Eastern Union cigars, with the result that he is to-day enjoying a splendid business. If seeing is believing, it would almost seem that the Army and Navy is the headquarters for a good percentage of the Union men in the City, and they can always rest assured of receiving the very best of treatment at this store. The reading and smoking room is at all times at the disposal of the patrons, where Unionism is often debated with beneficial results.

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Aud Member True Knight Committee, Granville Lodge, No. 3 Vancouver



BRO. A. J. SCOTT, P. C., Vancouver.

A. M. TYSON, P. C.

Bro. A. M. Tyson was a Charter member of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, but as at that time Rathbone members met on Saturday evening, and as Bro. Tyson was an earnest worker and a prominent merchant in our City, he decided that he could do more good for the Order by connecting himself with a lodge that met on some other evening, his choice at that time being Granville, No. 3. Any member of the Order can always meet our genial brother upon the floor of Granville Lodge every Wednesday evening, looking after the interest of Granville Lodge in particular and the Order in general. Bro. Tyson is one of Vancouver's most prominent wholesale and retail fish merchants, having a large establishment at 112 Cordova Street. You will find him always ready to greet any sojourning knight visiting Vancouver. Our brother is also an active member of the Uniform Rank. Bro. Tyson was born at Selkirk, Scotland, and emigrated to British Columbia in 1882. After traversing British Columbia he decided that Vancouver was his choice. At that time Vancouver was but a wilderness. His keen instinct foresaw that Vancouver was destined to be a large commercial centre, and he decided to cast in his lot with this City.

BRO. A. J. SCOTT, P. C.

Past Chancellor A. J. Scott was born at Charlottetown, P. E. Island, and has barely reach the 27th milestone. Bro. Scott is a Charter member of Crusader, No. 19, where he filled a number of offices and became a Past Chancellor nearly two years ago.

In business circles he is well and successfully known as the junior member of Mellon & Scott, one of the oldest Insurance and Shipping establishments in Vancouver.

Wonders will never cease. In looking through the store of Davidson Brothers, the Jewellers, you will be surprised to see the large stock of diamond rings, gem rings, gents' rings, wedding rings, diamond-set watches, silver watches, scarf-pins, chatelaines, cuff-buttons, hat-pins, brooches, buckles, belts, cut-glass, solid silver articles of all descriptions, clocks and a thousand and one other articles suitable for presents. They keep the right thing for every person, old, middle aged, or young, and they can please you. You are at liberty to come in and examine their stock. They greet you courteously and explain every detail in the manufacture of the goods. They keep a first-class optician, who is willing at all times to test your eyes free of any cost: whether you purchase or not, you will find Mr. Allan, who has charge of that department, a first-class fellow that can fit all cases.

Bro. Robert Brooke, one of our greatest Pythian workers in Vancouver, we are pleased to note has been elected Grand Representative for Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, to succeed Bro. G. W. DeBeck, who will be unable to attend the Rossland session. Bro. Brooke is the M. of F. of

Rathbone Lodge, and in that capacity has labored hard and successfully for its best interests. He has already attended Grand Lodge as a representative, also as a private member, and in every case has been of assistance, and taken special interest in the business of the Grand Lodge.

BRO. GEORGE R. MAXWELL.

To our brother who has done so much for our paper, and whose name is so well and favorably known by our entire membership, we have again to offer on behalf of all members, our sincere and deep sympathy in the loss he has so recently sustained by the death of his mother Mrs. Maxwell was advanced in years and had been a great sufferer. She resided with her son, Bro. G. R. Maxwell, and had every care and attention that loving children could bestow.

In his many troubles and afflictions, our brother has always had the genuine sympathy and friendship of his brother knights, and we wish for him many years of peace and happiness.

A FAR CRY.

The Editor of the "True Knight" is in receipt of the following satisfactory epistle from a brother in far away Montreal:

Dear Sir and Bro.—Another absent-minded beggar wishes to enclose postal note for subscription to the "True Knight." I have been receiving your paper for some time and always read it carefully, and I feel a much better man for doing so. We have a truly noble Order. The more I see, and hear of it, the better I like it.

The articles which appear in your paper are well selected, and it has given me much pleasure on several occasions to read them to my fellow-members, and urge upon them the amount of good which can be accomplished by doing likewise, in following the many noble examples which we have before us.

We, in the Province of Quebec, are heavily handicapped, as you have probably seen, by the heated discussions which appeared lately in the columns of the "Pythian Review." Notwithstanding our handicap, we are growing slowly but surely, and in the five lodges we have here, we have a goodly number of hard workers and "true knights," with whom I count it a great honor to be associated.

Pythianism is something like religion. Some of its members are only half converted, and the balance sometimes get discouraged trying to wholly convert them, but I must say, we have some red-hot knights in Montreal, and if you are there, you will see a good bunch of them in Detroit in August.

Wishing the "True Knight," and the brethren of Vancouver more power to carry on the good work, believe me,

Yours in F. C. and B.,

M. J. BAKER,

C. C., Damascus Lodge, No. 4.



D. McDERMOTT, Member of "The True Knight" Committee, Vancouver

D. McDermott, Prelate of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, joined the Order some three years ago, since which time he has been an earnest worker in the cause of Pythianism. One thing that the members appreciate in this brother is his great open-heartedness. He has always the kind word and the pleasant smile for all he meets. Long may he be spared for further honor and greater use. He has done great work on the "True Knight" Committee.

R. SAMPLE, P. G. R.

The above named brother, one of our hardest workers on the Lower Mainland, has taken up his residence with the knights of Vancouver, and on behalf of the Vancouver brothers we extend a hearty welcome, and trust that he may long be spared to fraternize with the good brothers here. Bro. Sample has been one of the earnest workers ever since the institution of Granite Lodge, No. 16, he being one of the Charter members of that Lodge. Almost immediately his services were required by the lodge and from that date until the present time he has always been at the front in all work tending to the welfare of his lodge. He quickly passed through the chairs of his lodge, and was G. R. at New Westminster and Kamloops. At the latter place he was elected G. O. G., but unfortunately the following year, through illness, our brother was unable to attend the Grand Lodge session at Victoria. We have no doubt, had he been able to attend, the members of the Grand Lodge would have given him additional hono.s. Bro. Sample is an earnest, conscientious member, and one whose presence in the Grand Lodge would at all times be welcome, and we trust that he may again be seen on the floor of our Grand Lodge.

GENERAL ORDER.

Change in Material for Helmet Plumes.

Headquarters Uniform Rank K. of P.,

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26, 1900.

General Order, No. 9.

I. It having been reported to the Major-General by the several manufacturers of uniforms throughout the United States that it has become almost an impossibility to secure a further supply of yak hair for plumes, and from the further fact the quality of such as can be purchased has become very poor and very high in price, the Supreme Chancellor and the Major-General have decided to authorize the use of horse hair for plumes instead of yak hair, until such time as the yak hair can again be procured in the market.

II. Manufacturers are requested to forward samples of the horse hair plumes to the Major-General for inspection, afterwards to be returned to the manufacturer.

By command of Major-General Carnahan.

GEO. W. POWELL.

Adjutant-General U. R. K. P.

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ENDOWMENT RANK.

The following is a copy of a notice which recently appeared in the Greensboro "Evening Telegram," of Greensboro, North Carolina, on March 9th, and it speaks for itself:—

Ramseur, North Carolina, March 5, 1900.

Board of Control, Endowment Rank,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen,—I beg leave to extend my grateful acknowledgment for check No. 114860, on First National Bank of Chicago, for \$1,000, handed me by G. H. Royster, General Organizer for the Endowment Rank, for policy No. 53,185, on the life of my husband, James A. McMath.

Please allow me to thank you for the prompt payment of this claim, the same being paid in 43 days after proof of death was received by you. I cannot too highly recommend the Endowment Rank to all Pythians who desire to get desirable insurance at moderate cost, and may each and every Knight avail himself of the grand opportunity offered by the Endowment rank for the protection of his loved ones after they are bereft of his care and protection.

Again thanking you, for your promptness, and wishing for your grand and noble Order unbounded success, I am

Gratefully yours,

MARY E. McMATH.

The following from a beneficiary of the Endowment Rank is given as an evidence of the advantage which that department is to the families of deceased Pythians:—

Dickson, Tennessee, March 2, 1900.

Mr. H. B. Stolte, Secretary,

Board of Control, E. R. K. of P.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir,—My husband, Walter W. Beasley, became a member of the Knights of Pythias in October, 1899, and joined the Endowment Rank for \$1,000, holding certificate No. 95,420, for which he paid \$1.00 and two payments of \$1.10 each, making a total cost of \$3.20. My husband was caught under the wheels of a locomotive December 19th, 1899, and crushed to death, leaving me with three small children to support. And the thousand dollar cheque handed me to-day by Dr. Ridings is to me and my orphans a great blessing. While nothing can take away my sorrow or heal a broken heart, this will aid me to care for my children as they should be, and I want to thank you for the promptness you have shown in paying this claim, and can conscientiously say that the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, is a great blessing to the widow and orphans.

Respectfully,
MRS. EMMA BEASLEY.

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THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

Arranging the Programme of Attractions for the Great Gathering.

Detroit, Mich., March 30th, 1900.—Detroit received an official visit from Major-General James R. Carnahan this week. The veteran Commander spent two days with the local Committees looking over the city, discussing the attractions, railroad and steamboat accommod-

ations, etc., deciding the location of the camp and drill ground. The decision places the encampment adjacent to the beautiful Belle Isle, upon the boulevard which leads to Belle Isle bridge and on the most attractive driveway in the city. Acres of beautiful shade trees will break the monotony of the camp grounds, and although the site is in the best portion of Detroit, the grounds are sufficiently large to accommodate the big white city, and free from the disturbance of inconsiderate civilization.

The boulevard is a 14-mile driveway, which encircles the city, upon which Detroit has lavished money to make it beautiful. The location of the camp here allows the city to furnish water mains, sewerage and electric lighting for the grounds and the best of public service is promised. The proximity to the broad, blue river makes it possible to enjoy the cool breezes which blow over this part of the city from Lake St. Clair and the river, while the arrangements for the comfort of the troops can be more elaborate than if placed upon the island. Five street car lines touch the boulevard within as many blocks of the camp ground, and park carriages running across the bridge or by wheeling or walking over, it will be possible to take the regular excursion steamers from the island to the city.

General Carnahan expressed himself as more than pleased with the grounds, and said that it would be possible to build thereon the most model camp ever erected for the Pythians. He examined the financial statements of the local Committee and expressed pleasure at the plans for the entertainment.

The Bureau of Information established at the headquarters, 1237 Majestic Building, is compiling information as to boarding-houses, rates, classification of hotels and places where the visitors can be accommodated, etc. Already there has been a liberal response from Detroit's best homes for an opportunity to take care of delegates or families of the visiting knights who come to go into camp.

General Carnahan reports great enthusiasm over the entire country. He instructed the Entertainment Committee to secure cots for 15,000 men in camp. Eight regiments are coming from Indiana, 10 from Ohio, 6 from Illinois, and smaller contingents from every one of the 22 brigades. General Hoyt of New Hampshire writes that every one of his 24 companies will be in Detroit, and that he has secured a \$15 rate from rendezvous points in the state, less than one cent per mile. The First Arkansas Regiment is prepared to come intact. Vermont, which has never before been represented, will bring several companies, two of which will go into the competitive drill and one in the ritual competition. The Kokomo, Ind., Company of 60 men is working every week with the intention of wiping the ground with all competitors in the prize drill, and General Carnahan says that fully 30 companies are preparing to do the same thing.

H. V. Belding, of St. Louis, Imperial Secretary of the D. O. K. K., spent a day in Detroit this week, arranging for headquarters for the Khorassan. Mr. Belding says that 5,000 devout worshippers of the Imperial Prince will bow at his

feet and carry Zem Zem for the fainting sacred beast across the sun-scorched desert.

JOHN T. BURNS,
Press Representative.

WELLINGTON LODGE.

Wellington Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., was instituted on March 11th, 1884, by Deputy S. C., W. S. Chambers, with fifteen Charter members and J. W. Lewis as first C. C. This lodge was instituted under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and had 72 members at the time the lodge applied for a Charter from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the same being granted on the 22nd of April, 1890.

FROM GRANVILLE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—As a history of our lodge will appear in another part of this paper, I will cut my article very short in this issue, so as not to over-crowd your columns with news, etc., from Granville Lodge, especially as the sketch of our lodge will be written by a far abler pen than mine. I only desire to state the good news that Bro. George Williams is himself again, having recovered from his late illness, but Bro. William Hooper is still confined to the house with la grippe, although getting better. I look with much expectancy toward the Souvenir Number of the "True Knight," and hope the efforts of the Committee will be appreciated as they deserve, by the brother knights throughout British Columbia. I hope the coming session of our Grand Lodge will be a very harmonious one, and one of great benefit to our Order. Is it impertinent to ask of the members of our Grand Lodge, how it is that the representative of old Granville, Bro. Rev. James Irvine, who has been representing our lodge for a number of years in the Grand Lodge, has not been considered worthy to be elected to an office? He is capable in every respect, brother knights.

Yours in F. C. and B.
C. L. BEHNSEN, P. S. R.

FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Never in the history of Pythianism has the Order had such a bright outlook as this year of 1900. Through the columns of the different Pythian papers we hear glowing reports of the strides different lodges are making, and again of the great preparations being made for the Convention to be held at Detroit. The enthusiasm with which the individual is working is indeed proof that there is a deeper and truer feeling for our noble Order than merely outward show. Attend your lodge and see what is required of its officers and members.

Were you ever on a sick bed, without a friend, my brother? Perhaps, but not since you joined the Order. So, as a portion of this vast

army let us each do our share, trying to lighten our brother's burden, and when we think of it how little it often requires to lighten the spirits of one in distress. A hearty hand-shake and a pleasant smile will often be far more reaching in its effect, than all the money man might procure.

Rathbone Lodge has been going on in its steady persevering way. We have one member on the road to knighthood, and an application from another.

We have missed from our meetings the presence of the founder of our lodge, Bro. H. J. Anstie, who has been confined to his home with a severe attack of la grippe; from last reports he was convalescent. The brothers all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. J. Eligh is with us again, after several weeks of sickness. He was duly installed to the office of I. G., upon his return to lodge, by Deputy G. C. Brooke, which office he had been elected to at the beginning of the term.

Our Grand Lodge Representative, Bro. Brooke, is making due preparation for the Grand Lodge Convention to be held at Rossland. We hope he will bring back glowing reports of the lodge in that golden district.

We had many visitors during the past month, among whom was Bro. De Forest, who gave the members a kind invitation to see his art exhibit in the McKinnon building. Those who availed themselves of the invitation were well repaid by seeing one of the finest exhibits of British Columbia scenery ever presented to the public, and we would recommend him to any brother who wishes to adorn his home with some of the choicest pictures in the Province.

We also had with us Bros. Tubbs, Hodson, Thomas, Hoffmeister and others.

Crusader Lodge has invited the members of the drill team to be present at their meeting of the 26th.

Our K. of R. and S., Bro. M. J. Conroy, is a very energetic and enterprising member, always welcoming the stranger and never letting the members get slack; he is the right man in the right place.

I am sure our C. C. sides with me in extending our welcome to all Pythians who wish to visit us. Our aim will be to make you feel that you are indeed among brothers.

Yours fraternally,
ARTHUR T. CROOK.
Vancouver, B. C., April 23rd, 1900.

FROM CRUSADER LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.,—March was a busy month with the officers and members of the above lodge, but April has exceeded any month in the history of the lodge, as far as work is concerned, and the membership regret that S. R., Bro. H. J. Anstie, Captain of the Drill Team, has been confined to his residence with la grippe, which has been the means of delaying progress in rank work, but trust that in the course of a few weeks his medical advisers will permit him to be with us to assist in carrying on and exemplify the rank work. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Tubbs, M. F., who has at all

times sacrificed his own interests to keep the members in good standing, and this has been the signal of the success of the lodge. I will not make any comment upon the other officers of the lodge, as they are all good, loyal and true knights, ever ready to assist to place Pythianism where it belongs.

Your scribe learns with regret that the Committee in charge of the "True Knight" has resigned, after two years of faithful work, without any compensation, but the lodges should feel deeply indebted to those worthy brothers, who have sacrificed not only their time during the day, but have spent the mid-night oil, trying to make a success of the "True Knight." I hope that the City lodges will start in and select a new Committee, and continue the good work that the present Committee has done in the past. P. G. C., Bro. Evans, who is a member of Crusader Lodge, is Secretary-Treasurer of the paper, and the members should feel proud of him. Bro. Hodgson, C. C. of the Lodge, has made an ideal Executive, and during the present term much credit is due to him for the progress of the lodge. I trust on behalf of Crusader Lodge that the Grand Lodge session will be a profitable one to the Domain, and that the representatives will have a safe journey and return to their respective castle halls and report to their respective brethren the banner year of Pythianism, under the administration of our worthy Bro. W. D. Mearns, Grand Chancellor. May he long be spared to render the good work that he has done in the past, and further honor be given him at the hands of his brothers in this Domain.

CORRESPONDENT.

Vancouver, B. C., April 23rd., 1900.

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MAPLE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—We, a Committee appointed by Maple Lodge to write a brief history of the above lodge for the "True Knight," will endeavor to do so.

Maple Lodge is located at Duncan Station, on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, about midway between Victoria and Nanaimo, in the Cowichan District, and on the banks of the Cowichan River, famed far and near for its trout fishing, and in one of the most thriving agricultural districts of the Island.

Maple Lodge was instituted by Grand Chancellor, Bro. J. M. Hughes, of Victoria, on the 28th of November, 1892. He was ably assisted by a contingent of brother knights from Far West and Sunset Lodges, Victoria, and also by Bro. Leighton, of Myrtle Lodge, Nanaimo, who was then G. K. of R. and S. Amongst the brothers attending from Victoria were many who are known to the membership of the Grand Domain—Bros. Behnsen, Emil Pferdner, Steve Jones, E. E. Leeson, Tom Deasy and many others, all of whom helped to plant the Pythian banner in this district; and all of them carried away pleasant recollections of the event.

Bro. Simon Martin was the brother who was instrumental in getting Maple Lodge organised. Bros. McCarty and P. C., J. N. Evans, had made a previous attempt to organise, but had then met with failure. On the night of institution

26 brave aspirants for knightly honors stood ready to meet the test, Brothers Martin and Evans joining by card. Bro. Martin was elected first P. C. (which office has been abolished by our present Ritual, M. of W. taking the station and duties of sitting P. C.) Bro. C. H. Dickle was our first C. C., followed by our late Bros. W. H. Lomas and Thomas Tansey. Then we had Dr. Watson to take command, he being followed by Bros. W. P. Jaynes, A. C. Aitken, D. McGillvary, W. C. Brown, A. J. Bell, R. S. Smith, R. S. Henderson, P. Murchison, A. Dirome, R. B. King, R. H. Whidden and our present C. C., who is the youngest to fill the chair, Bro. I. J. Mutter. Bro. Mutter joined Maple Lodge on August 14th, 1895, receiving the rank of Knight August 28th, 1895. The brother has held many of the offices connected with the lodge and has always proved an efficient officer, and we look to his filling his present high office with honor to himself and credit to the Order.

Our Grand Representative, Bro. C. H. Dickie, was the first brother elected as Representative of Maple Lodge. Being unable to attend our lodge was not represented the first year after its organisation. Bro. J. N. Evans was our next Representative, and was continuously re-elected until last year, when our present Representative was elected, R. S. Henderson.

Maple Lodge at its organisation met in the hall over Bro. W. P. Jaynes' store, until the I. O. O. F. Hall was built, when, securing better terms as to rent, we moved into the I. O. O. F. Hall, on December 1st, 1894, in which we had our home until the 1st of November, 1899, when we moved into our present quarters in Bro. Henderson's building, on which, through Bro. Henderson's generosity, we hold a lease for ten years at a nominal rent of \$10 per year.

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1894, Bro. H. Behnsen made an offer of a piece of land for an Orphans' Home. Maple Lodge was the only lodge in the Grand Domain which permitted any funds to the G. K. of R. and S. on that behalf. On the 30th of January, 1895, an order was drawn for \$20 for that purpose. We are calling up this incident that some steps might now be taken on the same lines, looking to the time when we could point with pride to a building erected for the orphan and aged brother knights, who would wish to pass their last days in this world in a home dedicated to Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

Although Maple Lodge is not numerically strong, it still is strong in what goes to build up an order, loyalty to its teachings and charity in all things. No discordant voice has ever been raised within her Castle Hall, where Friendship reigns supreme. May the same condition prevail throughout our Grand Domain.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

JOHN N. EVANS,
A. J. BELL,
R. S. HENDERSON.

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Puffer—"My dear, I wish you would select a box of cigars for me while shopping to-day."

Mrs. Puffer—"Why, I thought you gave up smoking on the 1st."

Puffer—"So I did, and if you select the cigars it will help me to resist temptation."

FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—What with our new Hall discussions and the ranking of a few stray pages and esquires, times have been lively among Primrose's members of late. Many of the boys are C. P. R. employees, trainmen, etc., and we have got to rank them whenever they can conveniently attend, which sometimes causes a week or two to pass between acts. Our new hall is still on paper, but I believe that its erection is an assured fact, and will take place sometime in the near future. Owing to a slackness in C. P. R. traffic, some of our old railroad brothers gathered round the time-honored shrine, just to let us know that they were still swinging the broad-axe of fraternity, hewing to the line, and letting the chips fall where they may. We were especially pleased to have with us Bro. J. Ladner, from North Bend, and Bros. W. Wilkison and J. Herkmer. Of course the indispensable Bro. McCrum always makes his presence felt whenever his duties as train conductor will permit him, especially in the administration of the rank of esquire, as Joe has made a specialty of that part of K. P. initiatory ceremony. The way he handles the levers and lubricates the bearings is sublimity itself, and would put to blush either a Watt or an Edison.

I am sorry to have to report Bros. Bourne and Bradwin as being on the sick list this month. Bro. Bourne is a Canadian Pacific Railway trainman, and got his hand badly pinched, making a coupling. Bro. Bradwin is all O.K. again. We have been favored with two visiting brethren, Bros. Darling and W. Welsh, of Seattle. Bailey Brothers' popular Kamloops Manager, Bro. A. Lauder, has dropped back into his old office as M. of E. after a month's sojourn in Vancouver, with his usual pleasant smile. He reports good times and the best of treatment among the Vancouver brethren.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

JOE. MCGEE, L. C.

Kamloops, B. C., April 14th, 1900.

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NELSON LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—In reference to your communication, I will try and give you some information regarding our lodge. Nelson Lodge, No. 25, K. of P., was organized by Bro. Dr. H. E. Hall and Bro. W. J. Thompson, P. C., with the assistance of several loyal knights of Nelson. The first regular convention was held on December 2nd, 1899, J. W. Graham as C. C., Bro. Newlin, V. C., Bro. W. J. Thompson, P., Bro. L. Scott, M. of W., Dr. H. E. Hall, M. of F., Dr. Forin, M. of E. and Bro. S. G. Thomas, M. at A. Fifty-one candidates were balloted for and declared elected. Forty-one were initiated in the three ranks. The following are the names of the officers that were elected for the first term: Bros. W. J. Thompson, C. C.; J. J. Malone, V. C.; R. G. Joy, P.; Dr. H. E. Hall, M. of W.; G. Partridge, K. of R. and S.; S. J. Mighton, M. of F.; Dr. A. Forin, M. of E.; J.

McClelland, M. at A.; J. W. Cowan, I. G.; F. K. Hurry, O. G.

At the end of the term ending December 31st, 1899, we had 107 members in good standing, and by the end of the present term we hope to make it 130. These figures speak for themselves as to the stability of Nelson Lodge, No. 25.

Bro. L. Scott, whose photo I enclose, is now C. C. of our lodge, and a very enthusiastic C. C. he is too. Perhaps some of the knights at the Coast will remember him, as he is an ex-member of Crusader. I hope, Mr. Editor, this will give the information required, but if there is anything more you would like to know, and if in my power, I will be only too pleased to gratify your wish.

I am, yours fraternally,

R. G. JOY.

Nelson, B. C., April 11th, 1900.

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EDWIN C. SMITH, C. C.

Edwin C. Smith, a native son of British Columbia (not an Indian) was born in the Queen City, October 19th, 1869, being now in his 31st year. He joined Victoria Lodge, No. 17, as a Charter member, taking the Knight Rank in October, 1893. He worked himself up from O. G. to the position he now occupies with much credit to himself and benefit to the lodge. His present civil occupation is Deputy Treasurer of the City of Victoria, having been in the employ of the city for fourteen years, which speaks volumes for his abilities. He is also a valued member of the I. O. O. F., Native Sons of British Columbia and Caledonian Society.

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GOLD RANGE LODGE.

Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, Revelstoke, was duly inaugurated February 28th, 1899, with 16 members, of whom the C. C. was Bro. J. Gill. Since its formation 45 members have been enrolled, and the lodge is now in a prosperous condition, both financially and socially. Its field for work is large and hopeful, and under the energetic and combined efforts of its officers, is continuing to maintain its prestige. Although the baby lodge of the Province, it nevertheless is mature and strong in its life.

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OKANAGAN LODGE.

Okanagan Lodge, No. 27, was instituted on March 2nd, at Kelowna, B. C., by instituting Officer William Wolz, P. C., of Royal Lodge, No. 6, assisted by a number of brothers from Coldstream Lodge, of Vernon, and Bro. J. McLellan, of Nelson Lodge. Twenty-one members received the rank of Knighthood, and the following were chosen officers for the present term: John McLeod, C. C.; William Carson, V. C.; Alex. Gray, Prelate; John Downton, M. of W.; E. Weddell, M. of E.; Fred Hall, K. of R. and S.; J. G. Jones, M. at A.; William Brown, I. G.; George Weddell, Grand Lodge Representative. The baby of Pythianism in British Columbia promises to become a good strong lodge.

AT PHOENIX.

The active citizens of Phoenix did not let Greenwood get too big a lead on them, and on April 16th a large delegation of the new born knights of the latter city were called upon to take their seats at a banquet tendered by the new Phoenix Lodge.

The Phoenix Lodge is No. 28. It was instituted with a charter membership of 25, by Bro. James Clarke, assisted by Bros. H. C. Holden, Max Berger, A. W. Bennett, G. F. Miller, R. Graham and C. A. Jameson, of the Greenwood Lodge.

The installation took place in the Miners' Union Hall and was followed by the advancement of 18 candidates through the ranks, the entire ceremony lasting till 7 o'clock in the morning. The officers of Phoenix Lodge, No. 28 are: C. C., Charles Thompson; V. C., W. L. Russell; Prelate, Dr. G. S. Gordon; M. of W., C. W. Abbott; K. of R. and S., L. C. Crawford; M. of E., G. W. Rumberger; M. of F., M. A. McQuarrie; M. of A., E. D. Hall; I. G., J. A. Blair; O. G., J. A. Mandel; Past Chancellors, Messrs. Rumberger, Gordon, Holland and Russell.

BOUNDARY KNIGHTS.

The Pythian banner is now flying in the Boundary Country. Greenwood and Phoenix have both installed lodges in their midst and Pythianism is sweeping onward to the other towns and, with its ever steady and victorious sway, is establishing its principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence in every quarter of the Province.

The officers whose names will figure in the Charter of Greenwood Lodge, No. 29, are: F. T. Abbott, Chancellor Commander; D. Smith, Vice-Chancellor; D. A. McKenzie, Prelate; H. C. Holden, Master of Work; Ed. Birnie, Master-at-Arms; J. W. Grier, Keeper of Records and Seal; Ralph Smailes, Master of Finance; M. E. Miller, Master of Exchequer; George F. Miller, Inner Guard; James Cameron, Outer Guard. The installation took place on April 11th, when over 40 members were on the roll. The place of meeting of the new lodge is the I. O. O. F. Hall on Greenwood Street.

H. G. MULLER, G. R.

Our esteemed brother was in the city a few days ago, but owing to business and other arrangements, we were not permitted to enjoy his company. Bro. Muller is one of the old school. An active member in Granville Lodge in the early days, he afterwards located in Vernon, where, after a short residence, he succeeded in obtaining some 35 applicants for a lodge, and early in the year of 1894, through his efforts, Coldstream Lodge, No. 18, was instituted by then G. C., H. J. Anstie, assisted by S. R., C. L. Behnsen, and it is a matter of pleasure to be able to state that although small in numbers,

Coldstream, No. 18, through the efforts of such energetic workers as it possesses, is on a par with the best lodge in the Domain. May the future work of our Vernon knights be such that when their lodge has reached the years of manhood's prime, they can point with pride to the good work accomplished, and the living evidence, through their lodge, that Pythian fraternity has not been a failure in their midst.

E. GOULET.

One of our old and valuable members of whom we heard much in the past through letters to this paper, and other sources, is our old friend and Bro., Ed. Goulet, late of Vernon, now of Kamloops. Bro. Goulet was one of those who, upon the institution of Coldstream Lodge, No. 18, Vernon, took hold of the prospects of the lodge, and persistently stayed with it until they had one of the model lodges of the Domain. He continuously held office in the lodge and was for several years its Grand Representative. After his removal to Kamloops, the Vernon knights gave him a handsome testimonial, and paid our brother a well-deserved compliment. It is our earnest wish that what has been Vernon's loss will be Kamloops' gain, and that he will give to the Order there, as freely what time he may have, as he did to Coldstream, No. 18.

A PIONEER PRIEST.

At Duncans was laid away on April 16th, one of the noblest men British Columbia has ever seen—poor old Father Rondeault, Roman Catholic priest who was the first white man to come to the district 42 years ago. The funeral procession was about three-quarters of a mile long, and they buried him in the ruins of the church which was burnt down a short time ago.

The Rev. J. H. Bainton conducted on Tuesday afternoon, April 17th, the last sad rites of the burial of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Angus McDonald. Among those who sent wreaths and flowers were Mrs. Roach, Mrs. McGhie, Miss McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pound, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pound, Miss E. Pound, Mrs. and Miss Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Crane, and Miss Eunice Egan. The bereaved parents have the kind sympathy of a large number of friends in their bereavement. Bro. McDonald has the sincere sympathy of his brother knights in this Domain.

"Yis," said Larry, describing the mill accident, "th' poor mon phwas caught by th' force av th' fly-whale an' corried up. But he phwas droppped from the force whin his fate sthrukk the wall."

"Dhropped from th' force?" echoed Denny, absently. "Phwat did th' police board foind him guilty av?"

ERRATA.

NOTE.—Through a printer's error a mistake has occurred in the rank of our worthy Bro. Supreme Chancellor Thomas G. Sample. It should read: "Thomas G. Sample, Supreme Chancellor."
