

Our Order stands to-day alone unequalled
and renowned;

Its presence and its power is felt, and more
and more 'tis owned.

Unfurl, then, our banners wide to every breeze
that blows,

And show to each astonished gaze the work
the Order does;

And many widowed homes each year hath
felt our timely aid;

How many orphan children we've warmed,
we've clad and fed.

In days of trouble and distress we sympathise
for all,

To those entitled to our aid we promptly tend
their call.

Our Courts with worthy men are filled, whose
hearts and hands are joined

To ease their brothers' woes and griefs and
elevate mankind.

When He, who tarried here on earth, who is
our elder Brother,

When parting from His chosen friends said
"love ye one another."

Inspired by those few parting words and for
His love to us,

Throughout our noble brotherhood may our
spirit be like His.

May Benevolence and Concord with Liberty
ever be

The principles which guide us, for glorious
are those three

And in this Court may love and peace and
unity preside

As well becometh brethren here, and even
when outside

Recognise the golden rule, that all men are
as brothers,

And do to them as we would wish they
should do unto others.

To each and every member of Valley City, 73,
I hope the new year just begun a happy one
will be.

And now if you'll excuse this rhyme I no
more will you bother,

But will remain with much esteem fraternally
your brother.

Brother W. Cruse, P.C.R., of Court Maple,
and Ill. Com. of St. Thomas Encampment
Royal Foresters, who has removed to Colum-
bus, Ohio, U. S., was the night before his
departure presented with an address and a
Forester's pin as an acknowledgment of his
efforts for the good of the Court, and as a
mark of personal esteem, and Mrs. Cruse also
received a gold ring on behalf of the ladies.

Fraternal Fund.

Moneys received by Court Loyalist, No.
121, from different Courts for the benefit of
Brother Floyd, to date:

PORTLAND, N. B., 23rd Feb., 1889.

1889.	Feb. 23rd, Brother Oronhyatekha, M.D.	\$ 5 00
" "	" Court Carp, No. 142.	1 00
" "	" Robin Hood, No. 84.	1 00
" "	" York, No. 120.	1 00
" "	" River Speed, No. 169.	1 00
" "	" Concord, No. 70.	1 00
" "	" Valens, No. 319.	1 00
" "	" Maple, No. 155.	1 00
" "	" Pearl, No. 113.	1 00
" "	" Eganville, No. 279.	1 00
" "	" Fergus, No. 22.	1 00
" "	" Fredric, No. 368.	1 00
" "	" Progress, No. 134.	1 00
" "	" Rideau.	1 00
" "	" Queen City, No. 66.	1 00
" "	" Stormont, No. 3.	1 00
" "	" Elora, No. 17.	1 00
" "	" Deseronto, No. 93.	1 00
" "	" Madawaska, No. 81.	1 00
" "	" Southampton, No. 74.	1 00
" "	" Petrolia, No. 42.	1 00
" "	" Hillsboro.	1 00
" "	" Northern Light, No. 127.	3 00
" "	" Mount Brydges, No. 123.	1 00
" "	" Berlin, No. 154.	1 00
" "	" Black Knight, No. 173.	1 00
" "	" Park Hill, No. 156.	1 00
" "	" Willowdale, No. 307.	1 00
" "	" Forest Queen, No. 158.	1 00
" "	" Fidelity, No. 180.	1 00
" "	" Hepworth.	1 00
" "	" Haldimand, No. 106.	1 00
" "	" Mount Sherwood, No. 32.	5 00
" "	" Summervale, No. 161.	1 00

\$44 00

T. F. GBANVILLE, *Treas.*

Correspondence.

HAMILTON, 3rd Nov., 1888.

To the Editor Independent Forester:

DEAR SIR,—In response to your request
for news I will give you a brief sketch of the
Order here. When I affiliated with Court
Hamilton, No. 107, last February, she had
only 20 members, and Independent Forestry
was dull and apparently little known outside
its members. I set to work talking and
publishing the Order, and when the dispensa-
tion for June was granted, Court Oronhy-
atekha did noble work by taking in over 40
new members. Courts Amity and Hamilton
did not take much notice of the dispensa-
tion, but kept steady at work. All the
Courts are doing well now. Court Hamilton
has grown from 20 members to 50. We