

## Resolutions of Condolence.

COURT FOREST QUEEN, No 158, I. O. F.,  
THAMESVILLE, 26th Feb., 1889.

*Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., London, Ont.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is my sad duty this month to announce the death of brother R. Thompson, V.C.R., who died 14th February, 1889. The following are the resolutions sent to his bereaved widow and her letter of thanks to the Lodge for the same:

*To Mrs. Robert Thompson:*

*Whereas*—It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to remove from our Forest Home our beloved brother, Robert Thompson, a member of our noble Order, and thereby severing one link from our Fraternal Chain and filling our hearts with sorrow for the loss we have sustained, therefore,

*Resolved*—That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind, we cherish in our hearts the remembrance of the many virtues of our departed brother, and cover his frailties with the ever green mantle of Forestry.

*Resolved*—That while we mourn the loss of the friendship and society of our brother, who has passed through the forest of this life before us, we strive to imitate his example in all that is good and thus heed the Divine injunction, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

*Resolved*—That we tender to his bereaved and sorrow-stricken wife and relatives, our heartfelt sympathies, trusting that they may find comfort and consolation in Him whose sympathy is far greater than humanity can offer.

*Resolved*—That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Court, and a copy of the same be sent to the press for publication.

Signed on behalf of the Court.

C. E. SARNEY, R.S. C. A. MAYHEW, C.R.

THAMESVILLE, 19th February, 1889.

*To the Officers and Members of Court Forest Queen, No. 158, Independent Order of Foresters, Thamesville, Ont.:*

Having received your resolutions conveying your sympathies for me in my great loss, in the death of my husband, and the expressions of esteem in which you held him as a member of your noble Order, I hereby tender

you my sincere and grateful thanks for the same, also for the great kindness and faithful attention given him during his sickness, proving by your deeds, that Fraternal help is one of the bulwarks of your Order, and in the fervent hope that when it may be the lot of each and all to lie on a bed of sickness, you will ever find as kind and brotherly love, and help, as you gave to my late husband, and that your Order may always prosper.

I remain, gratefully yours,

CARRIE THOMPSON.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

C. E. SARNEY, R.S.

COURT AURORA, No. 188, I. O. F.,  
AURORA, 28th Feb., 1889.

*Whereas*—It has pleased our Almighty Father, the Supreme Ruler of our Forest Home, to remove the beloved wife of Brother J. A. Phillips to His Own Home above, therefore,

*Resolved*—That the members of Court Aurora, No. 188, I. O. F., hereby extend to our brother and other members of his family in their sad bereavement the most heartfelt sympathy of this Court for the irreparable loss which they have sustained.

*Resolved*—That a copy of this resolution be presented to him and also sent to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER for publication.

*To Court Valley City, No. 73, Galt.*

The following lines are humbly submitted by a member of the Court:

Again in time's revolving course another year  
hath fled

Along its path a tangled scene of sunshine  
and of shade;

To some a year of joy 'tis been, but sorrow,  
too, for some,

But on our Court and most of us the sun has  
brighly shone

Just pause a moment and reflect upon the  
year that's gone,

How thankful this Court should be for favors  
to us shown;

No year so prosperous have we had since  
first we here began;

Our membership has much increased and  
noble work been done;

With brighter hopes and prospects we welcome  
this new year,

And at its close we hope it will a glorious  
record bear;