

THE CRAFT OF OTTAWA ATTEND DIVINE SERVICE.

The members of the lodges of Ottawa turned out in large numbers on Sunday, 27th Dec., 1885, the festival of St. John the Evangelist, to attend a special service in St. George's Church.

An Emergent Communication of Dalhousie Lodge, the senior body in the district, was held in the Masonic Hall at two o'clock, at which the members of the other city lodges, and those of Hull and Aylmer had been invited to be present. The following were among the principal officers in attendance:—R. W. Bro. Dr. C. R. Church, D.D.G.M. of Ottawa District, and Master of Fidelity Lodge, No. 281; R. W. Bro. C. D. Chitty, D.D.G.M. of Hull District; W. Bro. J. G. Wallis, Master, and W. Bro. C. S. Scott, Secretary, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52; W. Bro. John Smith, Master of Dorio Lodge, No. 58; W. Bro. L. F. A. Maingy, Master of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148; W. Bro. John Beihler, Master of Builders' Lodge, No. 177; W. Bro. W. A. Jamieson, Master of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264; W. Bro. Wm. Northwood, Master of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 871; Bro. W. H. G. Garrioch, Master of Eddy Lodge, Hull; and the W. M. of the Aylmer Lodge. Shortly before three o'clock, the Masons, wearing the regalia of the Order, formed in procession outside the hall, and, headed by the Masonic band, under Band-master Carter, passed up Rideau street, over the Sappers bridge, and along Sparks and Metcalfe streets to St. George's Church, which they entered, and occupied seats on the main floor. In this portion of the church there were also many of the general public not members of the Order, and in the spacious galleries nearly every seat was occupied. The Rector of the church, Rev. P. Owen Jones, conducted the service—the Evening Prayer of the Church of England. The

musical portion was grand, the choir in the chants, anthems and hymns, showing to great advantage. R. W. Bro. C. B. Petit, Rural Dean of Cornwall, preached an able and appropriate

SERMON,

taking for his text, I Corinthians, iii., 9-10:—"For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God, which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon." The Holy Apostle, said the preacher, compares his work in the Church to a wise man building a house. First, laying the foundation deep and strong, then, rearing the walls with skill and care. He speaks of himself as being, by the grace of God, "a wise master-builder," as "a co-worker with God," and a "laborer together" with Him; and to his Corinthian brethren—his own converts—he says, "ye are God's building." In planting the church at Corinth, he was laying the foundation of a Holy Temple to God, and in building up his converts in the "most holy faith," he was raising higher and higher the temple walls. This building was not to be composed of materials like those in King Solomon's temple—stones, mortar and cedars—but of human bodies and human souls, each one a living stone in the sacred structure. The Temple of Solomon was one of the grandest and most mighty buildings the world ever witnessed—"exceedingly magnificent of fame and glory throughout all countries." But this building of which the Apostle speaks is far grander and more majestic, and dearer to God—one let down upon earth from above, pure and holy, "without spot or wrinkle or blemish"—"the clothing of wrought gold," and all "beautiful and glorious within." It is composed of saints from above and from below, and all bound together by the love of God and of each other. It is an em-