

Masonic property contained therein, was totally destroyed in the great fire of June, 1877, it should receive the support and countenance of the Craft generally.

In the memorial put forth by the Committee, they state that it is the intention, if possible, to make the Fair illustrative of the industry and the art of Canada, and of other countries—"an harmonious blending of the useful and the beautiful." It is the wish of the Committee to add to the attractions of the Fair by exhibiting the special products of particular localities, and they are making such arrangements that ample space shall be afforded to sister jurisdictions to display any articles they may exhibit, the natural or manufactured products of the district or section represented; and contributions in money or in goods for exhibition as well as for sale, are respectfully and fraternally solicited.

The Fair opens on the 15th of next month.

St. John's Day in Ingersoll.

The brethren of King Hiram and St. John's Lodges assembled at the Masonic Hall, Ingersoll, and proceeded in a body, under the directorship of Bro. M. Walsh, to St. James' Church, where Bro. the Rev. G. M. Bland was waiting to address them. As the procession entered the church the organ peeled forth its welcoming strains. The Rev. Brother took for his text, the 4th and 5th verses of the 11th chapter of Genesis,—“And they said, go to, let us build us a city, and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city, and town which the children of men builded.” The Rev. Bro. commenced by complimenting the brethren on the profitable manner in which they were celebrating this St. John's Day; he thought it showed a desire for true knowledge when a body of men, in-

stead of spending such an anniversary in worldly amusement, came to the house of God, there to listen to His truth. He then turned to the subject of his discourse, and showed how these dwellers on the plain of Shinar commenced the great work of building the Tower of Babel; how their work proceeded, and with what confusion it ended. He showed that their one mistake was, that they did not lay their plans before the Great Architect of the Universe, and ask His blessing upon them. He went on to draw the contrast between that tower and the speculative tower, which we as Masons, under God's direction, are building to-day. He warned the brethren never to forget that the Great Architect must be constantly consulted, and though our tower was incomplete, it would reach to heaven, and be crowned with the crowning stone—Jesus Christ.

The music furnished by St. James' choir was prepared for the occasion, and comprised such pieces as “God is the Refuge of His People,” “Marsh's Te Deum,” “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,” &c. The service throughout was impressive.

The brethren returned again to the Lodge, and after the usual labors of the day were ended, they left for their homes, no doubt reflecting on the words of encouragement addressed to them during the evening.

Officers of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, installed by W. Bro. R. Ward, 29th July, 1879: W. M., W. Bro. R. Ward (re-elected); S. W., John Davidson; J. W., Henry Buller; Treasurer, Frederick J. Lawrence; Secretary, John Duncan; S. D., Frederick Fysh; J. D., John Butler; S. S., David Fysh; J. S., Thomas Twigg; I. G., John Kerr; Tyler, A. McDonald; D. of C., John Winters.

Officers of Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich, installed by W. Bro. Irwin, 3rd July, 1879: W. M., W. Bro. Wm. Brown; S. W., Thos. Wilson; J. W., Richard R. Hopkins; Treasurer, J. J. Sweetman; Secretary, James Foster; Chaplain, Henry Newton; S. D., Peter Barr; J. D., Edward White; I. G., L. B. Coon; Tyler, Robert Elliott.