

## “THE LORD IS ON OUR SIDE.”

### PSALM CXXIV.—2, 3.

“If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us; Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us.”

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THE presence of so many persons arrayed in military costume, and assembled in a place of divine worship, and that for the avowed purpose of commemorating a victory, which “THE GOD OF BATTLES” enabled them to achieve, is an object, upon which the poet might exercise his genius, and the painter employ the delicate proficiency of his art. Although no remarkable, or very prominent feature ever characterizes the congregation, to which we regularly minister in this house, yet is it for many reasons, both interesting and absorbing. The external monotony is at variance with the views, hopes, and fears, by which the mind is exercised; and a conviction, that some are in a perilous and degraded state, while others enjoy peace and an assurance of Divine favour, awakens the sympathies and affections of the preacher, and causes him to utter words of reproof, exhortation and comfort, as the hand of a musician compels his instrument to emit notes of sadness and of joy.