

bosoms for the thousands of our fellow men, who have no light to guide them in their inquiries after the Deity, but the feeble and glimmering light of nature, and who for the want of the *True Light*, are "sitting in the darkness and shadow of death." O yes! how truly affecting is the thought, that while we are worshipping Jehovah, the true God, millions of intelligent and immortal beings are at this moment paying their orisons to the stars!—that whilst we feel all the kind charities of brotherly love, and enlightened humanity, they are sunk in ignorance, depravity and guilt, slaughtering on the altars of their imaginary deities, their countrymen, their nearest relations, and dearest friends!—That while we are Free, and enjoying the blessings of civil order, and domestic happiness and peace, they endure all the wretchedness of anarchy, blood and war, often torn from the bosoms of their family, removed in chains from their native shore, and sold in foreign lands as captives and slaves!—That while the light of Heaven illuminates our souls with the rays of celestial hope, and immortal joy beyond the grave, they have no distinct conceptions of the world to come, and are under the most fatal delusion. To them, all beyond the grave is impenetrable darkness, and must be so until the light of Divine truth dawn on their benighted lands—until some heaven inspired Brother proclaims life and immortality by the gospel. Companions, Friends of humanity! shall these objects of present distress, and future danger, for ever remain so? I do believe that it is a solemn and imperative duty of Masons to attempt something for their relief. The duty is equally binding on the Mason, as the christian, to "do good unto all." And where shall we find objects more legitimate, than those I have described?

It is my firm conviction from the principles that form the basis of the Masonic institution, the spirit that ought to animate its members, and from the duties inseparably connected with it, that it has not only been the means of preserving and diffusing the light of science and truth, and disseminating the blessings of order, and subordination

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