

trines which in after times were to become so fearfully prevalent ; ministering as they did to the worst passions of men imbued as they were with every principle of licentiousness, and utterly regardless of every social and moral virtue, though arrayed in everything that could chain the imagination of men. Nation after nation succumbed beneath their delusive attractions, and even to this day, in the gloomy superstition of the Hindoo, the Chinese and many other idolatrous nations, may be traced the dark and deadly influence on the rites and customs as well as on the tradition and religion of the people, which the original rejection of the light of true Masonry has effected.

“ Centuries rolled on, and spurious Freemasonry in triumph still reared its head amid the nations. But all had not so fallen away ; and in the person of the Grand Master Solomon, was yet found the knowledge of the principles of the true Science. In him it was indeed a light which shone amid the darkness, but the darkness comprehended it not. In him that knowledge was most excellent, and the splendid fabric of the Temple was a glorious tribute to its Powers.

“ The principles of Masonry thus cemented and exemplified in the experience derived from the construction of this magnificent Temple, were propagated through the world.

“ Many of the Master Masons after Solomon's death, began to travel, and carrying with them their skill and taste in architecture, with the secrets of the Fraternity, into Asia, Africa, and Europe, became the means of extend-