

of cementing. In the Great Pyramid there are 2,300,000 stones, and blocks weighing about sixteen tons have vertical joints only one-fiftieth of an inch thick in the casing. Fancy this for thirteen acres of surface, and there are tens of thousands of casing stones, none less than one ton in weight !

The granite Temple is connected with the Second Pyramid by a causeway, and, to rightly understand the Pyramids, it should be remembered that each one had a temple on its east where the dead and deified king was worshipped, just as humbler folk worshipped their ancestors in their family tombs.

The guide-books tell of most of the tombs to be seen here, but visitors often neglect to see the galleries of the workmen, which are rather interesting. There are altogether ninety-one galleries, $9\frac{1}{2}$ ft. wide, and 7 ft. high, with an aggregate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile of length.

The Sphinx, as the largest and perhaps the oldest sculptured figure in the world, is fascinating to all ; but those who wish to worship unrestrainedly, must go there with a carefully chosen party by moonlight. Perhaps the best view of it is obtained from the steps facing it, which is probably the spot chosen by the original worshippers of the god. As visitors sometimes forget the sex of the sphinx, I may remind them that his beard, broken in pieces, is now in the British Museum.