

sons we should be glad to think that across dividing waters the old parent tree has produced such goodly and promising saplings. Let us, with the close of another year, learn to feel proud of that useful and beneficent Order of ours, which still survives the encroaching hand of time, which still speeds on, disregarding the attacks of the foolish, the criticism of the prejudiced, and the fanaticism of the unjust, with undiminished fervor and vigor, rather with renewed life and developed energy. Let us trust that, in the good providence of T. G. A. O. T. U., when 1888 comes to a close, we shall be able in the *Freemason* to render a still more glowing account of its kindly deeds of benevolence, its unchanged sympathies of toleration, and its ceaseless labors of love."

#### THE MORGAN MONUMENT.

The funny "sixth column" editor of the *New York Times*, takes the following grotesque view of the anti-Masons, their Morgan monument, and the Fraternity of Freemasons:

To most people the fact of the existence of a "National Christian Association" was made known for the first time the other day, by the unveiling of a statute erected by the association in honor of one William Morgan. Judging from the names of those who took part in the edifying ceremony the National Christian Association consists chiefly of Blanchards, together with an occasional Taggart, but it is evidently an energetic and determined body of men, who are resolved to save their country if they have to erect a dozen monuments.

At first sight it may seem rather odd that a National Christian Association should take pains to honor the memory of a drunken vagabond, whose one claim to fame lies in the fact that he either violated a dozen or more of the most solemn oaths or told a large collection of ingenious falsehoods. To add to the beauty

and symmetry of his moral character, Mr. William Morgan, always maintained that he violated his alleged oaths and betrayed the confidence of his associates from a sense of duty. He thus crowned his moral edifice with hypocrisy, and was as various and miscellaneous a rascal as our prolific country has produced. That such a man should have been honored with a monument by an association of Christians would certainly be a very singular fact were it not that the National Christian Association is engaged in work of such tremendous importance that it cannot stop to inquire into the moral character of its great apostle and protomartyr.

From the proceedings at the unveiling of the Morgan monument at Batavia it appears that the National Christian Association has for its object the exposure and defeat of the horrid conspiracy against Christianity, morality, and free government, summarily comprehended under the name of Freemasonry. Mr. William Morgan was one of the first men who called the attention of Americans to the dangerous character of Freemasonry, and that either he or some one else was thereupon killed by Freemasons or other persons, is, in the opinion of the National Christian Association, an undoubted fact.

Every one knows of the existence at the present day of Freemasonry, but had it not been for the National Christian Association few of us would have known what desperate and wicked men the Freemasons are. They are beyond any question the leading fiends of the nineteenth century and their practices are as abominable as their principles are infamous.

Hypocrisy is one of the invariable characteristics of the Freemason. It is this that enables him to wear the expression of innocence and dullness which one always notes in the faces of Freemasons when an entire Lodge stands up to be photographed with its aprons and horse collars. The fat, amiable Brother who wears his