

are immortal creatures, not electrified atoms. We are sons of God, not children of earth, endowed with that life which enables us to live as God lives, to think as God thinks, to love as God loves, and to will as God wills. *This* is true life, to realize that God is living in us, and we are living in God. He has breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, and we have become living souls. We meet here to cherish and develop this spiritual life.

This house stands, not particularly to represent industry either in the field or the workshop, not to represent business either in the store or the warehouse, not to represent education, either in the school or the college, not to represent organized society, either in the courts of justice or the halls of legislation, not to represent reformatory work, either among the homes of the poor or the haunts of the criminal, though it will sensibly and beneficially affect all these working activities by its guiding, purifying, elevating power; but it stands here to bear emphatic witness to the reality of spiritual life in the souls of men. Here souls may have spiritual experiences. Here men and women may be awakened into the consciousness of spiritual living. Here they can get glimpses of divine truth, they can get inspirations that bring them into communion with the Father of their spirits, they can get aspirations that draw them upward from the materializing and enslaving life of earth, to the spiritualizing and elevating life of Heaven. This house, if it answers the purpose for which it was erected, will be a birthplace of souls, a wellspring of salvation for sinners, a banquetting hall of joy