

homes blessed, and souls lifted up and lightened on their journey to the skies ; how many noble lives inspired, and heroic deaths consoled and comforted ; could we look into the future, I say, and count all these coming blessings, oh, how our hearts would become jubilant this afternoon, how the hallelujahs would swell from our lips.

One point more, sir. I trust this place will become a rallying-point for all the united Christian work of this city. Now, with others, I believe in regimental flags, I believe in denominations and denominational work, but I believe in the army, the whole army living, fighting and moving together under the one banner, the glorious banner of our Lord Jesus Christ, for there is often danger of our thinking more of Church than of Christianity ; there is often danger (I speak for myself), of our thinking more of the walls of our church than the walls of Zion. Why, the things which, as Christians, we hold in common, are unspeakably more important than the points on which differ,—one Lord—our Lord Jesus Christ ; one faith—our faith in Him ; one baptism—the baptism of the Holy Ghost ; one God and Father of us all ; one holy and inspired book, the only and sufficient rule for faith and practice throughout the churches of the Lord Jesus. I trust, I say, that this shall become a rallying-point. Why should it not be ? We have needed one for years. The Young Men's Christian Association has been giving us the use of its rooms, and we are very grateful to them ; but now they are moving up town, and we shall want a meeting place down in the centre of the city, why should we not have this room as the meeting place of our Ministerial Association, and of the committees on common Christian work.

I trust, sir, in conclusion, that the blessing of God will rest upon this house, and all engaged in the Lord's work in this house, and that the two Societies that have here their headquarters may send out the word, and scatter the leaves of the tree of life, which are for the healing of the nation, and so give bread to the famishing thousands in our lands.

The meeting was then brought to a close by the singing of the doxology, " Praise God from whom all blessings flow," the benediction being pronounced by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara.