

TIFEREETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION,

Corner Willson and Central Avenues, was crowded to its utmost capacity on Wednesday eve and Thursday morning. The services were very impressive, the music by the choir (a double quartet, four ladies and four gentlemen,) was excellent, and the sermons by the Rev. Dr. Moses J. Gries, "God in the Universe" and "Purpose in Life," were highly instructive and most scholarly.

Rabbi Gries is a dignified gentleman, a deep thinker, a graceful pulpit orator, who is broad-minded and liberal in thought and actions. His whole life seems to be wrapped up in his work. From a handful of members his congregation, through his constant efforts, now controls a membership of over 275 and owns a synagogue, dedicated a little over a year ago, which is far superior to any of the synagogues in Chicago. Men who have heretofore been opposed to join the ranks of any congregation are now active members of and prominently connected with the temple. All of which is due to Rabbi Gries. I clip the following from a local paper, showing what this congregation proposes to accomplish during the year which has just begun:

Services have been resumed at the temple, and on Oct. 6 Rabbi Gries will begin his regular Sunday evening lectures. He would like it understood that everybody is welcome to the services.

The attendance at the Sunday school has so increased that the magnificent new building is crowded.

The various movements connected with the church work will soon commence. The Junior Temple society, comprising persons from fourteen to eighteen years of age, will meet each Friday evening for the study of Jewish literature and history and for miscellaneous literary work.

The Temple society, for persons over eighteen years, will broaden its scope. Numerous educational classes will be formed, the matter chosen for study being English literature, geology illustrated with stereopticon views, civics, biology, physics with experiments, botany and anthropology. Classes will be formed in other studies if twenty-five or more persons agree to enter the class. The meeting night is Wednesday and the fee is \$3. admitting to all classes.

A temple course of entertainments has been arranged. It includes the best talent that could be secured. The attractions are as follows: Oct. 16, Prof. John B. Delmore; Oct. 31, Redpath Concert Co.; Nov. 19, Royal Welch Ladies' choir; Nov. 27, George R. Wendling; Dec. 18, Russell Conwell; Jan. 29, Remenyi Concert Co.; Feb. 26, John Temple Graves; March 26, Temple Concert Co. of Boston; April 29, Le-laud L. Powers.

The temple society is purely non-sectarian. The majority of the members of the executive board are not members of the church. Miss Clara Tagg, principal of Case avenue school, is a board member.