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Description of the Edifice.

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Given in Opening the Services.—M.
A. Marks, Rabbi Gries, Dr. Wise,
and Dr. Machol Participate in the
Services.—A Magnificent Struc-
ture.

The new temple of Tifereth Israel congregation at the corner of Willson and Central avenues, was dedicated last evening with the most impressive ceremonies. Moses J. Gries is rabbi, and both he and his congregation have labored long and ardently for the completion of the structure. Now that it is ready it is seen to be one of the most magnificent houses of worship in this city.

The wondrous beauty of the temple cannot be underrated, and the pen is hardly adequate to describe it. The auditorium is one of the finest models of architecture in the country. The room is nearly square and over it is the immense dome that makes the building so impressive. The chancel, choir loft and organ, the latter being a splendid instrument, are on the south side. The floor slopes toward the chancel and is carpeted with a rich body brussels. Luxurious quarter oak, upholstered chairs, similar to opera chairs, make easy seats and give a seating capacity of 800. The furnishing supplied by the Gayton Furniture Co. is exquisite. On three sides of the room are galleries, and they seat 200 more. The wainscotting of the room is marble. The wall and dome are decorated with pure white molding. Along this molding are long rows of incandescent lights with flower shaped shades, which cast beautiful shadows. These rows of lights extend to the top of the dome. The effect is so exquisite that it must be seen to be thoroughly appreciated.

In this auditorium was held the dedicatory service. Decorations of palms lined the front of the room and great wreaths of smilax and roses hung from the chandeliers. The congregation that gathered included representatives of the wealthiest and most respected Jewish families of the city. The service opened with Gounod's "Marche Religieuse" for organ, played by Wilson G. Smith, the organist. To the majestic strains of the march a procession of twelve girls, arrayed in spotless white gowns, followed by Rabbi Gries, Rabbi Machol, Rabbi Wise, President Marks, Vice President Buchman and Chairman Feiss, proceeded to the chancel. Then occurred the beautiful ceremony of depositing the scroll, in which Rabbi Gries officiated. The scroll contains the Jewish law or ten commandments, and is deposited in the ark in an alcove behind the pulpit. The choir and organ participated.

This was followed by the kindling of the perpetual lamp which overhangs the pulpit. This lamp was presented by Mrs. Isaac Dryfoos. Up to the time of the kindling of the lamp the room was dimly lighted, but as Rabbi Gries started the fire, suddenly the hundreds of electric lights were turned on and their brilliant radiance dazzled the congregation.

After an anthem, "The Heavens are Declaring," by Beethoven, the ceremony of the presentation of the key of the temple followed. This key had been borne upon a bed of roses by the girls in white. Jessie Feiss handed it to her father, Mr. Julius Feiss, chairman of the building committee, and he presented it to Mr. M. A. Marks, president of the congregation, with the following words: "I wish to thank the members of the building committee for their earnest efforts and co-operation, and to congratulate this congregation upon the successful completion of this magnificent house of worship. The work of your committee is completed, and I hope it is satisfactory to you and to the congregation."

President Marks responded as follows: "In behalf of the temple and congregation, Tifereth Israel, I accept the key of this magnificent structure, erected under the supervision of yourself and collaborators. You have an indisputed right to be proud of the results achieved. While every member of the committee is entitled to his share of praise I know that all will agree that to no one person more credit is due than to you, Mr. Feiss. It would also be unjust did I fail to mention the extraordinary amount of labor performed by our beloved rabbi, M. J. Gries."

The speaker then gave a history of the congregation, which was organized May 26, 1880, with forty-seven members, and was located on Huron street. He continued: "Amidst all the changes in our country since that time Judaism has stood unshaken and each succeeding year sees it strengthened." Then he described the marvelous progress of the human race,