

MASTER MIND OF THE MIDDLE AGES

Rev. Dr. Mendel Silber Discusses
This as Topic of Discussion.

At a meeting of the Temple Emmanuel last night Dr. Mendel Silber read an interesting paper on "Moses Maimonides, the Master Mind of the Middle Ages," who died Dec. 13, 1204, while court physician to Saladin, sultan of Egypt. "In this second Moses, whom the rabbis of the middle ages do not scruple to compare with the first bearer of that name, was manifested the height of the spiritual fortune of Judaism," said Dr. Silber.

"Maimonides was born at Cordova, March 30, 1153. A dreamer and a thinker, his father believed the boy would grow up to be an ignoramus and a disgrace, and so, in a fit of anger, he drove his son out. While an outcast the young Moses fell in with a learned rabbi who soon discovered the extraordinary mental qualities of the wanderer and took him under his protection. Shortly after the eloquence of a new preacher was announced through the land. Returning to Cordova Maimonides delivered a lecture to an immense audience of his former townspeople and great was the amazement of the elder Moses when he discovered that the gifted speaker was his outcast son. Shortly after this Maimonides took up the study of medicine and it was not long before his skill attracted the attention of the most influential people. Finally Saladin, the sultan, heard of Maimonides and made him court physician.

But great as Maimonides was as a physician, and valuable as were his prescriptions to his contemporaries, still greater was he as a thinker and scholar, and still more valuable were his thoughts to posterity.

"Moses Maimonides died, rich in honor, fame, and troops of friends, and during the seven centuries that have passed since his death his memory continues with ever-increasing love and reverence, true to the proverb: "From Moses to Moses, from Moses the Lawgiver to Moses Maimonides, None rose Like Moses."

All of the Catholic churches of the city are planning elaborate programs for the observance of Christmas. Next Friday evening the children of St. Anthony's German Catholic church will hold their Christmas tree at the church.

The members of the Old Men's society of the Bethany Swedish Lutheran church held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening and sixteen new names were added to the membership.

Watson S. Moore will speak at the 4 o'clock meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Junior Y. M. C. A. Miss Adele McLaren will give a reading and Miss Erd will sing.

Rev. M. S. Rice, the new pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, has been conducting a series of revival services at the church during the week that have been attended by large numbers. Mr. Rice is a forceful speaker and has a personality that appeals to men.

At the regular Sunday afternoon meeting at 4 o'clock tomorrow at the Young Men's Christian association Mr. Rice will speak on "Confounding Good With Evil." W. A. McGonagle, vice president of the Duluth, Missabe & Northern railroad, will speak at the lunch table meeting at 5:15 o'clock on "Duluth."

Members of the Third Swedish Baptist church will observe Christmas with rites similar to those followed in Sweden. The congregation will gather at the church at 5:30 o'clock in the morning for worship under the guidance of the pastor, the Rev. C. A. Aldeen. A special musical program has been prepared by the choir. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the members of the Sunday school will conduct the services and for the occasion a special program has been prepared. Rev. Mr. Aldeen and P. J. Borgstrom have been rehearsing the children and an exceptional entertainment is promised. A large chorus of Sunday school girls, assisted by the chorus choir of the church, will furnish the musical portion of the program.

Services at the Third Swedish Baptist church will be held tomorrow at the usual hours. Rev. Mr. Aldeen will speak at the morning service on "John's Testimony of Christ." The evening theme will be: "Reciprocal Testimony." The Young People's meeting will be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.