

BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Mendel Silber Speaks Feelingly At Temple Emanuel.

Rev. Dr. Mendel Silber delivered his farewell address last evening at the Temple Emanuel synagogue, corner of Seventh avenue east and Second street. He said in part: "As this is my farewell appearance before you it is not fitting that I should deliver a sermon. I have many things which I have desired to say to you for some time and I feel that the time has arrived and I intend to give you a heart to heart talk. When I came here two years ago the position came to me as a promotion. I came from a smaller field to a larger one, one which offered an opportunity for greater usefulness. I leave you in the same way. I go to a much larger field and feel as if I can be of use to the people of St. Louis.

"The farewell words of a minister always put him in a peculiar position. What it means to part from a congregation of people who have been dear to you, probably to never see them again, can not be realized by anyone who has never had the experience. I feel it deeply and I assure you that when I do leave you my interest will always be in you. I take with me many fond remembrances. It is with a keen regret that I leave you and I hope that the regret is reciprocated."

After the services the entire congregation waited on Dr. Silber to say good-bye. They expressed great regret at his decision to leave them and wished him success in his new field. Dr. Silber's successor has not yet been decided upon. There are two candidates for the position, and a selection will be made today.

Next Wednesday evening the members of the congregation will celebrate New Year's day. The new pastor will conduct the services.