

Erection of a Dutch Reformed Church

Sir,—I learn on good authority that the Council of the Dutch Reformed Church has decided to build a church in Smith Street—Cato Square. This is the spot, or close to the spot, where Retief met the English merchants in 1837, on which occasion he received an address of welcome signed by the following gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. Alex Biggar, J. Cane, H. Ogle, J. Steller, D. Toohey, Geo. Biggar, Thos. Holstead, C. Pickman, J. Kemble, C. Adams, Thos. Carden, W. Bottemly, F. Finn, and R. King. For the last decade the Dutch community has held its religious services in a basement of the Town Hall. This young congregation feels now strong enough to take a forward step, and we wish them God-speed in their new undertaking. One thing that strikes one in this undertaking is that the architects, Messrs. Louw and Moerdyk, fairly represent Peter Retief and his followers, while the contractors, Messrs. Wilson and Henry, of Durban, represent the English pioneers, showing the mutual goodwill existing in our seaport borough. —I am, etc.,

CO-WORKER IN THE GREAT CAUSE.

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