

HEIDELBERG'S NEW

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BIG CROWD AT OPENING CEREMONY

From Our Own Correspondent

Heidelberg, Wednesday.

Heidelberg's new Nederduitsch Hervormde Church was opened on Good Friday.

At 3 p.m. a farewell service was held in the old church, from where a large procession marched to the new building for the opening service. The beautiful building, which normally seats about 650 persons, was so full that not even standing room could be had.

The church was surrounded by hundreds of tents, and in addition to all these campers there were hundreds of others who had come by car or who lived in town present at the opening ceremony, which was conducted by Professor J. A. Greyvenstein.

He thanked the Rev. J. van Belkum, who was one of the foundation members of the church, for all he had done to assist in the building up of the church, and the Rev. A. J. G. Oosthuizen, the present parson, for his worthy five years of service here. It was particularly due to Mr. Oosthuizen's courage, he said, that the new church had been built. He also thanked the architect, Mr. G. Moerdyk, for his assistance in making the church such a fine building.

On the Thursday a bazaar was held in aid of the church, when well over £600 profit was made.