

Pretoriana

THE main building of the Pretoria Railway Station has not changed since this picture was taken around 1912, except for an extra wing on the western side. But what *has* changed is the environment — the trees, the plants and fountains, the means of transport used to reach the station.

Our early picture shows two horse-drawn cabs waiting for fares, with today's picture showing the parking area full of cars. In

1912 a gardener was planting trees which in later years made way for site development.

The building was designed by Sir Herbert Baker, who also designed the Union Buildings. Mr Henry Charles Hull, appointed Minister of Finance by General Louis Botha in the first cabinet after Union, laid the station's foundation stone in 1910.

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Pretoria is studded with historical places. New buildings and other structures have replaced well-remembered landmarks. As a special feature The Pretoria News publishes pictures every Friday showing how time has wrought changes to sites in the city. We print early pictures of the sites with photographs of them as they are now, although a new building sometimes obscures the view. Should any readers have pictures of Old Pretoria,

showing landmarks which have changed dramatically over the years, please forward them (with a note saying when and where they were taken) to the News Editor, The Pretoria News, PO Box 439, Pretoria 0001, or hand them in at the News Room, Second Floor, The Pretoria News, 216 Vermeulen Street. Unfortunately The Pretoria News cannot be responsible for loss or damage to any photographs.