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NEW DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH

PROMINENT LANDMARK IN SALISBURY

FRESH NOTE IN TOWN'S ARCHITECTURE

The new Dutch Reformed Church in Jameson Avenue strikes a new note in the architecture of Salisbury. Following closely the design of most Dutch Reformed Churches in the Union, it can hardly be allied to any architectural group, though it possesses attractive features of many. Probably the most nearly accurate term that can be applied to the design of the building is "free classic."

As a complete structure, the new Dutch Reformed Church can be considered an important addition to Salisbury's many new and magnificent buildings, and with its tall clock tower and belfry, it will be one of the first structures to catch the eye of visitors to the town.

The building has many attractive features. The high foundations are of locally-quarried granite, and the walls are of brick, with rough-cast cement and white lime finish. The whole is surmounted by a roof of Mazista slate tiles specially imported from the Union.

The opening of the new Dutch Reformed church at Salisbury is an occasion upon which the members of that Church have to be congratulated, not only where the building itself is concerned, but upon the manner in which thought has been translated into action. The new church is unmistakably an asset, both to the congregation and to the whole town, for it is a remarkably handsome addition to Salisbury public architecture.

The building is one, as His Excellency the Governor remarked on Saturday, that may well be a source of pride, both to those who worship within its walls and to the citizens of Salisbury. In providing funds for the construction of this church, the Dutch Reformed community have given a striking example of self-help, and of that help to one's neighbours which, although a Christian ideal, is not so honoured in practice as it might be. In five years the members of the Church in Salisbury, with the co-operation of friends in the surrounding district, have raised nearly £6,000, whilst they have also received a generous loan of £2,750 from the Church in the Orange Free State. The result is a new church which is worthy of the energy and self-sacrifice devoted to it.