

KROONSTAD'S NEW CHURCH

Opening and Consecration
Today

MAGNIFICENT BUILDING

(From Our Correspondent)

KROONSTAD, Friday. — The new Dutch Reformed Church which will serve the northern half of Kroonstad and district will be opened and consecrated tomorrow by the Rev. P. S. van Heerden, of Ladybrand, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Bosman, who is pastor of the Kroonstad North congregation, and the Rev. P. K. Albertyn, secretary of the Dutch Reformed Sunday Schools in South Africa. The new church was built of Kroonstad sandstone at a cost of over £25,000. It is a magnificent building designed by Mr Moerdyk, the South African architect, and stands on a commanding site on the outskirts of the north of the town.

Its high tower contains Kroonstad's first chiming clock which was presented by Mr and Mrs Jurgen Slabbert and which cost between £600 and £800. Mr and Mrs Joseph Slabbert presented the pulpit which cost £200. The Women's Association of the congregation presented the organ which is one of the finest in the Free State.

Old-fashioned ox-wagons are gathering from near and far, bearing worshippers who are anxious to take part in the services to be held throughout tomorrow and Sunday. The outspan adjoining the church is steadily filling with tented wagons, and bucksails and tents are rising rapidly, forming a miniature village which grows every hour.
