

NEW CHURCH AT KROONSTAD

OPENING SERVICE AND CONSECRATION

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 to-morrow by the Rev. P. S. van Heerden, of Ladybrand, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Bosman who is pastor of the Kroonstad North congregation, the Rev. W. J. S. Klomp, pastor of the old Kroonstad 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, and stands on a commanding site on the outskirts 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 beautiful 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 to-morrow and Sunday.
