



BEAUTIFUL DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH.

The new Dutch Reformed Church which was opened at Ladysmith, Natal, at the week-end and was erected at a cost of £12,000. The church was designed by Mr. Gerard Moerdyk.

NEW D.R. CHURCH FOR WOLMARANSSTAD

OVER £24,000 SUBSCRIBED

Built when Johannesburg was a mining camp, and standing through 40 years of the Transvaal's chequered history, the old Dutch Reformed (Verenigde) Church at Wolmaransstad has given place to a fine new church building whose architecture and construction makes it one of the finest churches in the Transvaal.

On November 8 the inaugural service will be held, and there will be present in this little western Transvaal town, if all goes well, everyone of the many ministers who have served the congregation here, and over 20 members of the original congregation of the original church, in those days a landmark, and one of the biggest buildings in the Transvaal south of Klerksdorp.

The new church building is a tribute to the devotion of the present minister, the Rev. D van der Hoven, who, three and a half years ago, decided that a larger and better designed church had to replace the old one.

He tackled the task of raising the money and arranging for the building of the church. All the members of his congregation can to-day feel that they have a part in the church. The collection book shows donations ranging from £40 to 5s., two sheep, a bag of mealies and offerings of a like nature. The sum total of these small offerings amount to over £24,000, and the new church will start free from debt.

It was over 40 years ago that the Rev. J. Malherbe, minister of the Nederduits Hervormde of Gereformeerde Church at Bloembhof, decided that it was necessary for Wolmaransstad to have its own church, and he was responsible for the erection of the first building. The congregation numbers 1,350.

The new church, which will be fitted with its own electric light installation, will cost nearly £18,500 to erect and fit out. Built of white stone it has an arresting tower and a large dome. The architect is Mr. Gerard Moerdyk, and the contractor Mr. W. Barker, who was foreman in charge of the construction of Union Buildings and now specialises in church building.