



The gates of the Engelenburg House Art Collection in Hamilton Street, were officially opened by the Governor-General, Dr. Jansen, on Saturday afternoon. Assisting him is Dr. G. Moerdyk, the Chairman of the Engelenburg House Committee. Dr. Moerdyk designed the gates. On the left is Dr. F. C. L. Bosman, secretary of the Akademie. The opening was attended by the acting Prime Minister, Mr. Strijdom, the Administrator of the Transvaal, Dr. Nicol, and the Mayor designate, Mr. E. Smit. The house and grounds were bequeathed to the State by Dr. F. V. Engelenburg, former chairman of the Akademie "out of gratitude for what South Africa had been to him."

The new gateway has been given by Mr. I. Wallach, who for many years was associated with Dr. Engelenburg. The design of the gateway is by Dr. Gerard Moerdyk. It follows the Cape Dutch style to harmonise with the style of the house. The masonry is whitewashed and the steps, in elliptical form, are of red brick. On each of the pillars supporting the wrought iron gates are bronze tablets eulogising Dr. Engelenburg.

After Dr. Jansen had unveiled the gateway he accepted the house and its collection as a State-aided institution on behalf of the Akademie.

Dr. T. W. Schumann, the chairman, spoke on behalf of the Akademie.

Opening Of Engelenburg Gateway

Tributes to a savant, connoisseur and epicure, a noted journalist and a former chairman of the S.A. Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns were paid by the Governor-General, the Acting Prime Minister, the Administrator and the Mayor of Pretoria when the new gateway to the Engelenburg House was unveiled by Dr. Jansen on Saturday afternoon.

Dr. F. V. Engelenburg, who was born in Holland, died in 1933. He was for many years editor of "Die Volkstem." He was a noted collector of ceramics, gold silver, furniture, pictures, bronzes and tapestries. On his death his house and grounds, which adjoin the west gardens of the Union Buildings, were left to the State. Later, at the instigation of the Akademie and with the good offices of General Smuts, a close friend of Dr. Engelenburg, his collection was acquired by the State. The house has now become a museum under the control of the Akademie, whose headquarters it is.