

de V. was at school with H, but far below him. Mrs. C. said that Mrs. H. was her chaperon when she was at Oxford. On one occasion she and Mrs. C. had been out to a party and on their return Mrs. H. said they must go and see H. Mrs. C. demurred but Mrs. H. insisted. H. was working in his room - he and another young man were busy studying. H. said, "Do come in, etc.," and was very charming - did not show any annoyance at the interruption. The other young man was disturbed and uneasy. Mrs. C. said that after church on Sunday evenings at Mansfield College, everybody met, stood round and talked.

X Mr. Corbett said that when H. was about 3 or 4 years old, he had to have a serious operation for a hydro-cephalous condition. The H.s were very poor and could not afford op. Nobody in DRG offered to help, and then Ernest Baker, Baptist minister, came forward and got financial aid for them. Mr. C. thought this might be reason why Mrs. H. left DRG.

deV. and Mr. and Mrs. C. spoke of H's love of gossip and interest in tittle-tattle, and said this was frequently an Afrikaans characteristic. They said H. always wanted to know who had called and what everybody had said, etc., etc., if his mother had had people to tea.

Mr. C. said he first came into contact with H. when H. was Administrator and C. was a Clerk in the Provincial A/C Dept. H. was two jumps ahead of everyone else.

O | When H. was a student at Oxford he went to Ireland on a bicycle tour with Krige(?). The Irish police were very curious about them - though they might be spies as they were talking Afrikaans, and followed them around. Twenty-five years afterwards, at a dinner party, at which an Irishman was present, H. recited off the names of every little village and town they had passed through. The Irishman was very impressed by H's outstanding memory.

deV and C. said everybody was scared to death of Mrs. H. and that she had no real friends. They said at one time Mrs. H. was friendly with Dr. Malan.

O | H. never worked on Sundays at Oxford. He took his mother visiting. Once Krige, Haarhoff, Ramsbottom, De V, HOFFIE and his mother planned to go to Cornwall for five weeks. Some of them tried to cycle to Land's End, but when they got to Truro, it was raining very hard, and they put their bicycles on the train and returned. Mrs. H. picked on Krige and Haarhoff. de V. and Ramsbottom had had enough by this time and did not remain the five weeks.



At Oxford, H. won the Craven, Ireland, and Harford scholarships. He also won a prize for Classical Verse. Got 9 Alphas out of 10. Most brilliant achievement of any student. He took Applied Physics in one year and beat -? who had previously been top. He had been coached in Classics by Charlie Lewis.

C. said that his experience while serving on some Board was that they had the greatest difficulty in squeezing anything out of H. He didn't allow them to make any allowance expenditure for native soldiers.

They said that H. told Smuts that if he didn't accept his resignation from Finance Ministry, he would go to America. H. resigned this portfolio because of medical certificate. They said one of H's weaknesses was that he wanted to run the whole show himself. Also spoke of his ability to manage other Ministers' business. Sometimes if P.v.d. Byl and Lawrence were not present in the House, H. would have ten minutes with their Secretaries, and then cope with vote better than if P.v.d.B. and L. had been present.

They said Mrs. H. used to be disturbed about meat shortage. Used to say H. must eat - his brain required him to eat two big meals a day.

They said that when the Native Bills were introduced H. did not make his speech against them until the third reading, by which time what he had to say had no effect. Smuts and H's own side were annoyed with him for leaving the matter so late.

H. never admitted being wrong.

Mentioned a Mrs. M. Overbeek, Mrs. H's sister, later Mrs. van -? living at Rondebosch.