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In 1919 M. went to the Johannesburg University College. H. was Prof. of Classics. M. did Latin with him.

To the question, people say why didn't you marry H., M. replied jokingly, "he didn't ask me," then awkwardly said, "he didn't attract me. If H. had been a complete man, he might have asked me, and I might have married him." One day when H. was young Principal of Wits and teaching ~~me~~ Ancient History, M. was standing outside his door waiting, and Mrs. H. was standing outside too, and going off about the younger generation, when the door opened and H. stood there blinking and said, "Which of you is coming in first?"

WITS IN 1919. M. said it was a godless place, and it needed a great man, ~~that~~ H. was not. M. remembers a dance when H. was Principal. H. entered (everyone else in evening dress), dirtily dressed, not in evening dress, and wearing heavy boots, and M. felt that he was inadequate, and that he knew he was inadequate. M's partner, (an ex-soldier) spoke of him with contempt. M. felt pity for H., feeling his insecurity. She felt that probably H. was cursing his mother who had not prepared him for this life, and wishing he was prepared.

M. was born in Capetown in 1901. M's great-great grandfather was Minister of (High Confessional) Lutheran Church in Hamburg. M's great grandfather was in the Hanseatic Legion and fought at Waterloo. He went out to St. Helena as Secretary to Hudlow Low, Napoleon's jailer, and married there. His son Hydson was M's grandfather who died as Governor of St. Helena in 1884. M's father was Benjamin, youngest of twelve, and was profoundly influenced by his father, and in turn profoundly influenced M. Bertram, a Baptist Missioner, came to St. Helena and converted M's grandfather. When M's grandfather died, M's grandmother took the whole family to the Cape, and lived poor but proud. Grandmother attached herself to Baptists, and M's father followed. M. felt that her father had closed part of his mind in doing so, out of veneration for his own father. Yet love transmuted the Calvinism, but we never danced with our father's blessing.

Mrs. H. was a Baptist and came to this Baptist Church. M. says Mrs. H. remembers Mr. J. as a great and good man. Mrs. H. was a poor and lonely widow, (and M. would guess, unattractive). Mrs. H. came to the Baptist Church with this little boy of six. She fed him well. H. went to Mr. J's Sunday School. Mr. J. had a Scripture examination about when H. was a University student.

In March 1951, Mrs. H. again talked of the godless generation and M. reminded her that she had done the same 30 years ago. M. told her that she herself had great admiration for the younger

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generation, and thought that it was searching fearlessly and honestly. Then Mrs. H. said, "you think that Miriam? I'm glad you do. I don't meet many young people now."

JOKE: "Ma is bang dat ek sal trou, en ek is bang dat ma sal trou."