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Professor Dalton said there was a slight feeling of resentment against H's appointment. It was thought that Ogg would be appointed and they were rather taken aback when the Council appointed H. H. was well enough liked on the whole. The feeling against him was due to disappointment. Ogg felt it most and left and went to Grahamstown. The antagonism developed as a result of the Stibbie affair, partly because H. did not take his colleagues into his confidence, and partly because it was felt that H was interfering in an individual's private affairs. It was realised that there might be cases where it would be the duty of the Principal to interfere, but it was the way he acted that upset the Senate as H ignored them altogether. D. agreed that H had told the Council either Stibbie went or he did and he (D) agreed with Macmurray's view of the whole matter. There was a deep cleavage between the Senate and the Council. The Council decided to retain H. D. said he knew this was a period of great stress for H. and that H. took pills at meetings on account of this. In 1923 Patrick Duncan, the new Minister of Education, tried to pour oil on troubled waters, but without success, partly due to H's autocratic attitude.

Another element in the Stibbie affair was that when the Medical School was started, Stibbie wanted to be the Dean and in sole charge. H. would not agree as he held that as Principal he was responsible for all University affairs. H. prepared all University legislation himself. He was a glutton for work* and kept all the reins in his own hands. When Mrs. Balingier suggested replacing native men servants by women in the women's hostels, H. would not agree.

By the end of 1923 it was felt that the breach between Council and Senate was unbridgable. As long as H had the support of the Council the Senate could do nothing. H. was persona grata with the Council who thought him indispensable. He cut down accommodation with the result that in two years it was inadequate. This might have been due to lack of funds or to his parsimoniousness. He kept very much to himself, was self-sufficient, and had plenty of self-confidence.

D. thought the two reasons Hoernle was not appointed Principal were (a) because he was fond of advertising himself, and (b) his German origin. D. did not think that H opposed the appointment on personal grounds except that he may have thought that nobody who had been in opposition to him over the Stibbie affair should succeed him.

At all times during the Stibbie affair H fought with great courage, but he lacked the capacity to assess human values and the creative ability to assess relative human values.

* See J.G. Strain's testimony v. d. Brugge