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MR. SUTTÉE (interviewed December 1959.)

Mr. Suttée was Secretary to School of Mines and later became Registrar when School became University College. He also had to act as Secretary to University Committee and Education Committee, but later R.H.J. took over these jobs.

He remembered Dr. Stibbæ very well. S. often used to come to his office and brought typing to be done. Suttée would ring for one of the typists and a Miss Roy usually came. Later on, Sibbie went directly to the typists' room and Suttée would find him there talking and drinking tea. This happened during vacation when all the Staff were away with the exception of Stibbæ. When University re-opened, S. Called Stibbæ and told him that now classes had started again, if he wanted any typing done he had to go through the proper channels and not direct to the typists. Suttée often saw Stibbæ waiting for Miss Roy after hours and he advised him to mind his step. One day HOFFIE came to Suttée and asked him if he had noticed that Stibbæ and Miss Roy were very thick and that he was at his wits' end and didn't know what to do. Suttée told H. that he had already spoken to Stibbæ and H. said he was very glad to hear that.

Mr. S. then went on to talk about Dr. C. (Principal), one or two members of Council, and explained that the Education Committee had been formed by Uitlanders before the Boer War to provide funds to establish schools for English people. There were two Roy sisters in office - Fanny and Edith. Fanny was head typist and was very capable. He thought Fanny would be about 30. They had a scheming mother who got Stibbæ to board there when Mrs. S. was away. When Dr. C. died the post of Principal was advertised but no suitable applicants were forthcoming. Finally at a Council meeting Sam Evans suggested HOFFIE for job. Council was at first staggered but eventually decided to call in HOFFIE and put it to him. H. had already accepted the Chair of Greek at UCT. He was greatly surprised by offer of Principalship and said he wanted time to think it over. He said he first wanted to put it to his colleagues on Senate and if he had their support he would be more prepared to give it a go. Senate was also flabbergasted but agreed.

According to Mr. Suttée, the Stibbe affair didn't explode for some months after HOFFIE had first spoken to him re Stibbe and Miss R.