



1945

M. went with H. when H. went to England in 1945. At a lunch or dinner in SA House, H. had to propose the toast to Mr. Attlee. He said that he and A. had a great deal in common, because during the war they had to stay at home while their brilliant Number Ones toured the world. Another of M's recollections of this trip was that one day he had to phone H. to tell him at what time he had to give an address. They spoke in Afrikaans. Suddenly a voice interrupted their conversation - "Get off the line, you German bastards". H. was highly amused. M's impression was that H. was not at all drawn to UNESCO, and did not believe much in its effectiveness. He did not trust an International organisation of that sort. He thought that a close relationship between two countries was more effective than a widely dispersed thing like UNESCO.

Another of M's recollections was of Lady Killearn pestering H. Apparently Smuts had invited Lord and Lady K. to SA for a holiday during the war. Lady K. had set her mind on Lord K's being the next Governor-General of SA. She wanted to manoeuvre a lift back in a plane to SA. H. wouldn't do anything for her and disliked her very much. H. never met the Pope although he could have done so, but said he didn't want to.

M. remembers H. addressing the boys of Grey College when he was Minister of Education - about 1934, after Fusion. He took as his theme words spoken to Lindbergh who had just flown the Atlantic: "Be true to the man within you." He spoke very well. After the address H. met the Staff in the Common Room. They were a mixed crowd (Stellenbosch and U.C.T), but all were impressed with H.

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Mrs. M. recorded the following:- She remembers just after H. had written matric, he brought a photo of himself with cat on shoulder to her grandmother. He was then 13. The grandchildren were always in awe of Ouma, but H. talked away to her quite self-possessed and unembarrassed about cats and what he had done, etc.

H. arranged a lunch to enable Andre Siegfried to meet Smuts on M's suggestion. Smuts and AS talked brilliantly most of the time while the rest listened. After lunch, H. said to M. :- "The old man was in good form." He was obviously very thrilled that Smuts had come up to scratch. His eyes were shining.

At a Civic Protest Meeting held in September in Capetown, H. spoke and then had to leave. M. spoke after him. Next day H. congratulated M. on his speech which he said he'd heard was the best of the evening..

M. said H. and Malherbe couldn't hit it off. Mal. felt H. was niggling about finance. They were very different types. H. was in a position to control M. financially. Mal. didn't think much of H. as Minister of Finance.

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Mrs. M. wrote to H. about Army Education which eventually came into being. After the war Mal. and M. got together about 150 officers. M. was keen on building up Adult Education, but H. did not agree to the proposition.