

SENATOR BROOKES

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P.M.BURG

About three years ¹⁹⁴⁵ before Hoffie died he asked S.B. to act as one of the Trustees of a small fund which H. wanted to call "Deo Gratiae" fund. Mr. Lowe was another trustee and H. made the third. To this fund H. gave four-fifths of his Ministerial salary. His idea was that the fund would be built up and be used mostly for Africans. There was a clause in the Constitution of the Trust to the effect that if the Trustees failed to make provision for the dispersal of the fund, any such money in the fund would, at the death of the donor, be given to the Hofmeyr School of Social Work. S.B. did not realise H. was so ill. When H. died, the fund stood at six or seven thousand pounds and this amount was paid over to the Jan Hofmeyr School. (Mr. Lowe could give exact date and amounts).

About eighteen months before he died H. said to S.B. that he would never be P.M. SB. tried to buck him up, thinking he was just being despondent, but obviously H. then knew what the doctors had told him.

H. was instrumental for getting SB on Native Affairs Commission, and when a vacancy occurred, had D.H. Shepstone appointed on SB's suggestion.

SB remembers a party given in G. Campbell's house when H. resigned. Townley Williams also stood by H. at that time.

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