

P.O. ANERLEY,
South Coast,
Natal.



21st September, 1951.

Dear O.B.,

Many thanks for your letter of September 19, and we are very glad to hear that our visit was a tonic for Mrs. Bull.

I am glad you wrote to Mrs. Hofmeyr and it is certainly a happy letter which she wrote to you. I hope it is a good augury for my visit to her next week.

Thank you also for sending a copy of Hoffie's letter. I note that in the letter he says nothing about the expenses of Helen's illness, but, unless I hear from you to the contrary, I am going to assume that it was Helen's illness which moved Hoffie to do what he did.

I had a letter from Horton Davies in which he expresses the hope that I will not hand a full text of my lecture to any journal until the lecture has been published. I am writing to promise not to do so but am telling him that it has already been given to you and that if he wishes to make any representations he should do so to you direct.

We have been working hard on the biography since we returned. We leave for Johannesburg on the 26th where we shall see the Hofmeyr papers and try to visit the old lady as well. On the 30th we leave for Capetown where, as you know, we have a very full programme. So you see we shall not be coming through Somerset East this time, nor Port Elizabeth. I am afraid to do this because each stop means a further delay in the completing of the biography.

O.B., may I trouble you to answer the following questions?

- (1) What was the actual name and address of your office where Hoffie wrote the biography, and do you remember any interesting details?
- (2) To your knowledge, did Hoffie ever have an idea of going into the Ministry?
- (3) Did you ever know what overt reasons was given why Mrs. H. accompanied him to Oxford?

- (4) It would be a great help to know what camps, etc., Hoffie took part in in South Africa. I have records of:-

1911, Hout Bay Camp. (exact date wanted)
1912, July, Conference at Worcester.
1916, Seaside services at S.S. (exact date?)
1917, " " " "
1918, " " " "
1919, January, Bain's Kloof, Camp. Was this an ordinary Boys' Camp?

- (5) When did Hoffie first go to camp in Natal, and do you know what camps he attended?
- (6) Am I right in saying that 1928 was the first camp at Anerley?

I enclose Hoffie's letter about the gift of £100 for which many thanks. Also the letter he wrote to you from Oxford.

We send our love to you both, and our kind regards to Mrs. and Miss Craib, and to Mrs. Cumming, if she is still there.

Yours ever,

