

MR & MRS. BULL:

SOMERSET EAST

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Mrs. B. said Mrs. H's mother was a Mrs. Beyers and lived at Stellenbosch and was greatly loved. They were an old Cape family.

Once at Irene they were all talking of H's getting married. Someone said, "He's going to marry Helen Bull." This was a joke of course, for H. himself had said this when he was a child. Smuts said, "He can't marry Helen Bull, because he's already married to his mother."

Mr. Bull said that when English-speaking people were present H. and his mother spoke English, that being in the best Cape tradition. Between themselves they spoke both Afrikaans and English. Mrs. Bull said that when their daughter Betty was divorced the one person they wanted to hear about it from themselves was H.

Mr. B. said that when H. returned from Oxford he was prepared to put in some years as a Travelling Secretary to SCA. At a meeting the point was raised that H. was an Afrikaner who was not a member of an Afrikaner Church and his application was not accepted. H. was disappointed but didn't say anything about it. He then got a lectureship at SAC.

In Pretoria H. and Mrs. H always attended the Presbyterian Church. As he grew older he was less and less attracted by the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cummings told Mrs. Bull that she had heard that a doctor has said when H. had up as child, "If this child recovers, he will be either a genius or a lunatic." But Mrs. Forbes denies this.

B. said that in H's days as Administrator both sides consulted him,

In 1927 SCA asked OB to move to JHBURG because H. was anxious to have a Secretary in the North, and had put up £500 for two (perhaps four) years towards it.