



At one time the Baptists used to rent the Alhambra for services. R. took H. to the Alhambra in 1914 (Mrs. H. was Mrs. R's bosom friend). H. sat in front seat with Mrs. H. H. was asked to give his testimony in which he stated that it was his loving mother who had taught him to read the Bible and brought him to Christ. There were tears in Mrs. H's eyes. R. said H. was very shy. R. attributed H's interest in Baptist Church largely to influence of Ernest Baker. He did not know whether H. had actually been baptised but thought it very likely, because of Baptist precept, "Believe and be baptised." R. often walked back with H., then a child of 5, from Service, and H. would repeat practically the whole sermon. When he grew up, H. often preached in Baptist Church. He was also interested in Y.M.C.A. and in the Children's Service Mission, and in some Teachers' Lunch Hour Meeting, held every Monday at the Y.M., for outside speakers, missionaries, visitors, etc. The last time H. spoke at such a function he spoke on, "Where There is no Vision, the People Perish", and said that a nation that loses the Sabbath, loses its soul, and that as long as he was in Parliament he would do his best to preserve Sunday.

When the British Science Association visited SA, H. took the Chair. R. wanted to take a photo of them and H. in front of City Hall. H. said, "Friend Rowlands, I shall never say no to you."

Lionel Fletcher, the world evangelist, who had never been to this country, visited SA. He said he had read a book all about SA by Hofmeyr. H. invited Fletcher to tea at Parliament House and insisted on R. staying as well. Next morning promised to give F. another ten minutes. H. hated gambling. He spoke about gambling in strongest terms, and eventually the ten minutes stretched to one hour and ten minutes.

Another visitor to the Union H. was interested in was Montague Goodman, a leading lawyer in London. M.G. had read and heard of H. and wanted to meet him. So it was arranged and when R. and G. arrived, H. said, "I suppose Friend Rowlands has brought his camera." MG. was struck by H's kindness, thoughtfulness, and humility.

R. said H. and Mrs. H. spoke English to each other.

After H. died, R. met Gen. Smuts at Docks in Capetown, and S. had recently lost his son suddenly. When R. condoled with him about H's death, the tears ran down his cheeks and he said, "We can't understand life - he was my right-hand man."