

Masey 'brother' in Bloemfontein is only a step: brother of Francis Masey - but no doubt he can give you all the historical information you want. Francis M. was a very remarkable man - in some respects a bit of a genius. He had some brilliant accomplishments, but was abnormal in many ways. I could write pages about him - some 'pro' & some 'con'. I must show you some of his sketches when next you are down here. You ask about certain buildings here. Baker did the original designs for the Cathedral here, & Masey worked them out more fully when the scheme was taking shape: but B. gave his general approval, & made alterations from time to time. Masey did the original design for Marks Building & Baker hardly touched it. As to the Nat. Mutual in Church Square, & Rhodes Building - Masey did all the original drawings, but Baker 'took over' the elevations in both buildings & improved them immensely.

Masey came out to S.A. in 1896 - I think about the middle of the year. He came from Waterhouse's Off. to the P.W.D. here on a 3 years' agreement. He found the work there un congenial, & he helped Baker in a few odd jobs & discussions, & then went to live with him at the Grotto, Rondebosch (B's house). It must have been late in 1896 or early 1897 - that the City Club decided to have a competition for their new building in Q. Victoria St, & all the drawings for this were done by Masey & me (sometimes working all night, at the Grotto) - & we won the Comp. That brought the 3 of us together in partnership - tho I was 'junior' - & my name did not appear for some time. Masey then broke with the P.W.D. - much to their annoyance.

I went up to Bloemfontein early in 1904 to supervise the Government Buildings there. & 6 weeks after went into hospital with enteric. Then Fred Masey was sent there to carry on during my absence (2 1/2 months in hosp. & a few weeks recuperating in Natal) - Then Francis M. went to England for a trip, & I was recalled to the Cape - Baker having settled in So'burg. That's how Fred M. got to B'fontein, where he took root & married (3 times, to date!) Most of my individual work has been in the Eastern Prov. - Grahamstown, P. - Rhodes Univ. Coll., St. Andrew's Coll., St. Peter's Home, D.S.B. etc. This is all rather piecemeal - but if there is anything definite that you wish for that I can give, just let

me know? Hoping you are both well. I wish all good wishes - Yours V. S. Siveaway  
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