

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1. About ten years.

QUESTION 2. I have met him frequently during the latter part of this period, from 1912 onwards. He always gave me the idea of a cultured and intellectual man, very fond of conversation, and generally a most interesting man.

QUESTION 3. Yes. He first spoke to me about his intentions in 1912, and in 1913, June or July, asked me to be one of his sponsors. I signed his papers in July, 1914.

QUESTION 4. He always spoke of English people with great friendliness, and appreciation of the many kindnesses he had received at their homes. He frequently stayed with people of standing and distinction. He has told me more than once of his affection for England. This did not surprise me, seeing that his wife was English and all his children brought up in English ways, Schools, etc. Moreover, they all look very English.

QUESTION 5. Yes, frequently. I never witnessed any action of his which indicated anything but that of a well wisher to England. He had no regard for either Germany or Austria. The French and Italians he regarded, I believe, in the sense of being Allies of ours. I don't remember that he ever made any special reference to them. The Russians, for historical reasons, were enemies of Hungary, and I don't suppose he actually loved them because they were one of our Allies, but I never heard him make any openly hostile comments.

QUESTION 6. Answer to No. 4 covers this.

QUESTION 7. I thought him a high-minded man, passionately devoted to his mother, and very generous to his family in Hungary. He never attempted to conceal his origin and belongings, and for this I admired him.

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