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Bertha Aletta was the youngest child of Johan Coenraad Gie and his wife Barbara Johanna (Bappie). She was born on the 8th February 1871 in the old family home in Hatfield Street and baptised in the Groote Kerk, Adderley Street on the 19th March 1871. She had rather a sad life. During her youth she lived with her mother in her home in Hatfield Street.

In 1899 George Gie lost his wife when their youngest child was born in Griquatown. She immediately rushed up to Griquatown to help him with the baby and the two very young children. It was a difficult time. The Anglo Boer War raging and Griquatown was in the centre of hostilities. Milk was scarce and fruit and vegetables almost unobtainable and it must have been a great relief to her when the family arrived safely in Cape Town after fleeing from Griquatown.

From then onwards she devoted her whole life to taking care of and bringing up the young children of George Gie and running the house for him. In later years the boys often said that they regretted that they had not shown more appreciation to her for what she had done for them when they were young.

As the years rolled on she lived more and more quietly at De la Haye with her brother George and her sister Hannah, running the home for them.

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