

It would be interesting to know just what the increased expenditure would be if the proposals of the Pietersburg conference were accepted. I think it would mean about £5,000 increase for Elim and ourselves, £4,500 for Elim and £500 for ourselves. In fact I think that the proposals we are submitting are very modest, and we certainly ought to include a request for at least 10/- on every £1 received in donations and subscriptions.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

R. D. Cuthen.

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SAKE, ONDERWYS EN VOLKSGESONDHEID,
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

Pretoria,

3rd December, 1936.

Dear Mr. du Toit,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th November, in which you raise certain points in connection with the regulations gazetted early this year regarding the recognition of oversea qualifications for medical registration.

On the general point mentioned by you as to special provision being made for the registration of Mission doctors, I am afraid it will in any case be quite impossible to meet you. The number of practitioners who commence in mission work and ultimately drift into ordinary private practice is by no means inconsiderable, and I do not see how, if a special exemption were made, it could be controlled.

The specific question of Dr. Adolfsson raises the question of whether provision should have been made when the new regulations were formed to meet the case of those who were then in course of qualifying ~~in~~ at Edinburgh. This was considered at the time but was felt to be impracticable. The position could only be met now by a change in the regulations. Under the law such a change can only be made on the recommendation of the Medical Council. Apart from that the Minister has no discretion.

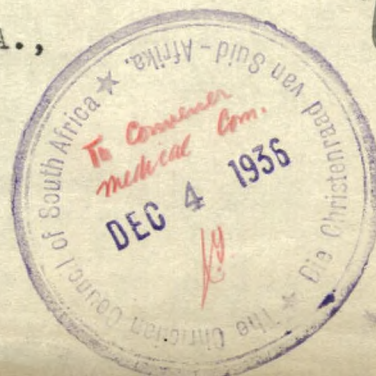
I have made enquiries in regard to the attitude of the Medical Council with reference to this matter. It is clear that the Council has given very careful consideration to the representations made by your Council but that it has decided that it cannot propose the amendment of the regulations as asked for.

In the circumstances I am afraid there is nothing that I or my successor, Mr. Stuttaford, can do to assist in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Jan H. W. Jansen

Rev. J.M. du Toit,
Secretary,
Christian Council of S.A.,
P.O.Box 1107,
PRETORIA.



24/11/36.

The Hon. J.H. Hofmeyr,
Minister of Health,
Union Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

I had the privilege some days ago of discussing with you the new Medical Regulation (No. 552, Gazetted 17/4/36, made by the Medical Council, empowered by Amending Act No. 2, 1935) as it affects the registration of mission doctors. Our discussion touched upon a) the general principle involved, and b) the case of Dr. Adolfsson.

About the former, we feel very strongly, especially when we realize the noble pioneering work done by missions in the Medical field, and we would urge very strongly that this new Regulation, which is hitting Medical Missions so hard, be presented for reconsideration to the next meeting of the Medical Council.

About the latter, we are as strongly convinced that if the Medical Council were to have the facts incorporated in our petition before them, they would take a more sympathetic - I almost say 'humane' - view.

As promised, I herewith submit all the data concerning Dr. Adolfsson.

Dean A. R. Kempe, Supt. Church of Sweden Mission to the
Christian Council.

"We have recently got a missionary doctor from Sweden whom we intend to place in Zululand, but now we are confronted with a very great difficulty. After having completed her English course which all continental medical students have to take in England before coming out, she finds now that the stipulations have all of a sudden been altered and that three years in England are now demanded for continental students before getting registered out here. This means that no missionary doctors can be registered here as the course demanded from them is far too long. Another thing which recently has come to my knowledge is that a medical missionary is not permitted to take a salary from his Society. In view of this I would like to move the following "That the Christian Council investigate ways and means to facilitate the registration and work of missionary doctors from the continent."

Th. Fevrell, Consul General of Sweden in South Africa.

"Doctor Adolfsson passed her doctor's examination in Sweden in March, 1934. The same year she went to London and visited the General Medical Council there in order to ascertain what qualifications were necessary for a Swedish doctor to obtain permission to practise in Natal in the Union of South Africa. She was there informed that a British doctors examination was necessary, and that this could be passed, for instance, at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Edinburgh after having gone through the courses and the private examinations prescribed for "post-graduates". Doctor Adolfsson passed that examination, and obtained her British Diploma in October, 1935.

In accordance with the information which she had thus received, Doctor Adolfsson had now fulfilled all the demands necessary for being registered as a medical practitioner in the Union. Her belief that everything was in order and that no objections would be raised, was so much the more strengthened, as she had heard about a foreign doctor, who had passed the same British examination as herself, who was registered in March, 1936.

Doctor Adolfsson has consequently had every reason to believe that all the necessary demands for her
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registration as a doctor in the Union would be in order, especially as neither she nor anyone else interested in the matter, with whom she had spoken, had seen or heard of any communication regarding a change in the existing rules.

The news that she could not be registered, has come to her as a hard blow. She has spent money as well as time in order to fulfill the regulations as far as she knew, and has also left Europe for South Africa.

There would not - as far as I can see - have been any objection to her registration had she asked for it after having passed her examination in Great Britain, since she passed her British Examination in October, 1935, and the new law came into force in April, 1936. "

Doctor Adolfsson to the South African Medical Council.

"With reference to my application for registration as a medical practitioner in the Union of South Africa I beg to point out, that I enquired at the General Medical Council in London re the conditions obtaining for the registration as a medical practitioner in the Union and was informed that, if I obtained the diploma, issued by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Edinburgh, to postgraduates from foreign countries, who have attended at the required classes and passed the examinations, I could on the strength thereof be registered in the Union of South Africa. No other information s were given me and if I had been informed about the new conditions, which I understand came into force in April this year, I would have been able to register here before that time."

Dean A.R. Kempe, Supt. Church of Sweden Missions.
(re Doctor M. Adolfsson.)

"After her matriculation in 1924 she took up medical studies at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and she finished the first part of them in 1928. She then proceeded with the second part and passed her examination in 1934. She had then been studying Medicine altogether for nine years, having been away from the University one year during the latter part of the studies. She registered at the General Medical Council in London the 28th September, 1934, and was at the same time informed that, if she passed the prescribed Course at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Edinburgh, she could be registered in the Union of South Africa. On the strength of this information she immediately took up medical studies in Edinburgh and passed the examination and got the diploma the 17th October, 1935.

If she had had any idea that the conditions would be altered now, she would have applied for registration immediately. Instead she accepted a temporary position in Sweden which was offered. The information given by the General Medical Council put her unfortunately into a false security."

Márta Adolfsson - Examinations and Qualifications.

- 1) Swedish Matriculation Exam. in year 1924.
- 2) The Swedish Medical Degree after 4 years theoretical and 5 years practical study at the Swedish Medical University.
- 3) The Diploma of the Medical Conjoint Board of Edinburgh and Glasgow after having attended at clinical classes there during 12 months and passed the examinations in Pathology, Materia Medica, Pharmacology and the Final examination for the Diploma."

I do not apologise for troubling you with this matter. I feel it is our duty as Christians in a land of liberty to remove all obstacles hindering the establishment of the Kingdom of God. I understand the reply of the Medical Council to be "dura lex, sed lex." This is no argument when so great an issue as the right to be doing mission work is at stake.

Thanking you for your interest,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

SECRETARY.

JMT/NT

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

28 Hillhouse Avenue,
New Haven, Connecticut

December 4, 1936

Confidential

J.D.Rheinallt Jones, Esquire
P.O. Box 1176
Johannesburg, Transvaal
South Africa

Dear Jones:

Because you are the best conference organizer I know and because no outside groups who wish to run a conference in our country can afford to do so without your cooperation, I am advising you that the World Sunday School Association proposes to have its next conference in South Africa in July or August 1940. (I feel like the man in the parable who started building larger barns not knowing that his time was coming!)

I am trying to persuade Dr. R.M. Hopkins, the Secretary, to pay a flying visit to South Africa next summer to spy out the land and particularly to appreciate the real difficulty of securing accommodations for highly educated but equally highly sensitive non-Europeans. I have told him that no one in South Africa could advise him better on this than you, so you will be sure to see him.

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~~New Reform~~ National Christian Council if that organization is any good and particularly if its Secretary, Mr. J. Murray du Toit, could handle anything so important. I don't seem to remember Murray du Toit and would appreciate very much your confidential and candid opinion of his ability. It is ability to organize and manage a world conference to be attended possibly by a thousand people, including perhaps three hundred from overseas that we want.

The proposal to hold a conference is not a secret, but I think we should regard all details about arrangements as strictly confidential. Dr. Hopkins has to tread a thorny path all over the world, and besides the usual snags in attempting an inter-racial conference, a special difficulty in this case is that there exists at Port Elizabeth under the direction of Mr. Birch the recognized South African branch of the World Sunday School Association. If my estimate of Mr. Birch is correct, he certainly could not handle the conference, but he and his organization must, of course, be brought prominently into the picture.

It was my suggestion that the National Christian Council might organize the conference, because it is an interdenominational, multi-racial organization. But it may be a weak sister and it is on this point that I seek your advice.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram.

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letter to Dept of Education
acknowledged 21/12/36*

Box 88, Dundee, Natal, 21st Dec. 1936.

Mr. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, M. A.,
P.O. Box II76,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Jones,

After having received your letter of 17th Nov. suggesting to me to apply for a post at the Government Hospital at Hlatikulu and even a letter from Mrs. Jones of the 27th Nov, advising me to write to the Government Secretary in Mbabane about it, I did so immediately. Now I have got his reply, which is as follows:

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter applying for appointment as a Medical Officer in this Administration. The vacant post has not yet been filled but His Honour the Resident Commissioner wishes me to say that in view of the fact that according to your letter it appears you could not obtain registration in the Union of South Africa, it is very unlikely that he will be able to offer you the appointment."

I suppose the meaning is that I cannot be offered any appointment in Swaziland and that it would be the same in f.i. Basutoland or other places.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Jones, for all you have done for me and would be very grateful, if you would still remember me in the case you would get to know about any other possibilities. I should be very interrested to know when that course for foreign postgraduates at the University of Johannesburg will start the next time, something about the fees and what is required for beeing allowed to attend at ~~them~~^{it}. I am afraid, however, that I cannot be able to pass another 3 years course.

Yours very truly,

Märta Adalffson:

R.R./17.

December 30th, 1938.

The Secretary,
Department of Public Health,
Standard Bank Chambers,
Church Square,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

We shall be very grateful if you can let us have a copy of the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on whose report is based the present scheme for the Training of Native Medical Aids. We shall be glad to defray any expenses incurred. Your assistance in this matter will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

ADVISER'S SECRETARY

Tugela Ferry
via Greytown
Natal.

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Dear Mrs. Jones,

Could you
kindly loan me a copy
of the Report of the Inter
Departmental Committee
on whose report is based
the present scheme for the
training of Medical Aids?

Or if not, could you
tell the names of those
who constituted the
Committee?

I am back at
Tugela Ferry for a fortnight

relieving Dr. Mackay while
he is on holiday. During
January I shall be at
Sivasa, relieving Dr. Men.
I hope to have a chance
of seeing you on my way
to or from Sivasa, in
order to discuss with
you some points about
the Medical Aid Training.

With kindest regards to
Mr. Jones & yourself

Yours sincerely

W. D. Hale

December 11th, 1936.

Dr. G.W. Gale,
Tugela Ferry,
Via Greytown,
Natal.

Dear Dr. Gale,

I am trying to find a copy of that
report for you.

We shall be very pleased to see you
in January. I expect we shall be away when you go North,
but I hope we shall be at home on your return (we return
from Rhodesia about January 15th). We shall be very glad
if you could spend a few days with us then. I shall be
most eager to discuss some of the medical aid points with
you now that you have had the opportunity of testing out
the students.

With very kind regards to Mrs. Gale
and yourself and best wishes for Christmas,

Yours sincerely,

HONORARY ORGANISER
WOMEN'S SECTION

EBJ/ND.

9/11/36.

J.D.Rh. Jones, Esq.,
P.O. Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

At the Meeting of the Advisory Committee held on the 3rd instant, the work of the Committees was discussed, and I wish to draw your attention to two matters:-

1) Publication of Draft Programmes: A request was made for a copy of the various Draft Programmes drawn up by Conveners. It was decided that these be mimeographed, prefaced by an introductory paragraph by the Secretary, and supplemented by a) personal suggestions of the Conveners, and b) a statement of work already undertaken (Minutes Advisory Committee Meeting, 3rd November, 1936, Par. 15, page 4). May I ask you please to send me either instructions to publish your Draft as you submitted it to the Executive, or a precis of your Draft in such a form as is most desirable. Will you also please incorporate any further suggestions. I should suggest that you do not exceed 1000 words.

ii) Conference of Conveners: The Advisory Committee approved of the suggestion that a Conference of Conveners be held in Johannesburg on the morning of 20th January, 1937 (Minutes Advisory Committee Meeting, 3rd November, 1936, Par. 14, page 4). As the Executive meets that afternoon, and various Conveners are members of the Executive, I suggest that we allow ourselves a full morning, and start not later than 9 o'clock. Please give me your opinion on this matter. Would it be at

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all possible for some of us at least to meet even earlier, as mornings have a habit of passing extremely quickly? The place of meeting will be stated later.

May I assure you of my keen desire to assist wherever possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

JMT/NT

SECRETARY.

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September 11th, 1936.

Rev. J. Murray du Toit,
Secretary,
Christian Council of South Africa,
P.O.Box 1107,
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. du Toit,

Medical Work Committee

I enclose herewith draft terms of reference for this Committee, together with draft of a letter which I propose to send out, and also a list of the suggested personnel of the Committee.

I understand from Dr. Dexter Taylor that converts are expected to approach likely persons to join their Committees and that I may go ahead in this matter. I feel, however, that I should like you to see what it is going to be, before definite action is taken.

I propose also to write to the Missions not represented in the suggested list of members, to make sure that no Mission with Medical work has been left out. You will notice, for instance, that the Dutch Reformed Church is not represented in the list. It may be advisable to secure laymen in such instances.

Please let me have your comments upon the drafts.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Rheinallt Jones
j.p. L.R.

ADVISER

Dictated by Mr. Rheinallt Jones but not signed by him owing to his departure for the N. Tvl.

JDRJ/KC

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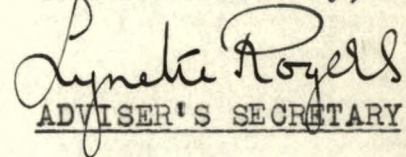
Rev. J.M. du Toit,
Secretary,
The Christian Council of South Africa,
P.O. Box 1107,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Rheinallt Jones has asked me to send you the enclosed report on the activities of the Medical Work Committee of the Christian Council. He asks me to say that he has not included the terms of reference of the Committee in the report, as he has already sent these in.

I also enclose copy of a circular which is just being sent out to members of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,


ADVISER'S SECRETARY

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDICAL WORK COMMITTEE

C/o S.A. Institute of
Race Relations,
P.O. Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

December 10th, 1936.

Rev. J.M. du Toit,
Secretary,
Christian Council of South Africa,
P.O. Box 1107,
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. du Toit,

REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL MISSIONARIES

I have just returned from the Free State to find your note of the 4th instant enclosing a letter from Mr. Hofmeyr awaiting me. I have come to the conclusion that we cannot do anything further in this matter, as we have the whole of the medical profession against us and, so far as I can see, public opinion is also against us in this matter. If however your Committee thinks that the matter ought to be given publicity, I will take the necessary steps. In the meantime, I am retaining the letter to place before the meeting of the Medical Work Committee, which I am now calling for January 19th. Could you let me have the other correspondence in connection with this matter which I think you have.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. M. J. J. J.
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R.R./17.

October 8th, 1936.

Rev. J. Murray du Toit,
Secretary: The Christian Council
Council of South Africa,
P.O. Box 1107,
PRETORIA.



Dear Mr. du Toit,

MEDICAL WORK COMMITTEE

I thank you for sending on to me Dean Kempe's letter. I may say that the missionary doctor referred to by him - Dr. Adolffson - rang me up on the telephone ten days ago and I spent some time in going through matters with her at the Swedish Mission at Roodepoort. I have written to Dr. Moffat, Chairman of the Institute's Committee on Non-European Health Services, who is a member of the Medical Council, asking for his advice as to the best procedure to adopt to secure relief. This is a very important matter and, if we cannot get relief from the Medical Council, it will be necessary to go to the Minister of Health. The Medical Council has introduced a regulation which is going to bear hardly upon missions, and they do not appear to have taken into account sufficiently the position of medical missionaries actually preparing for service in Africa.

I gather from your letter that this matter is to be discussed at your Executive Committee on the 14th instant, but as I am not a member of the Executive Committee I shall not be present. I shall be glad if you will inform me of the decision of the Executive Committee on Dean Kempe's motion.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Rheinallt Jones

JDRJ/LR.

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICACOMMITTEE ON MEDICAL WORK

C/o S.A. Institute of
Race Relations,
P.O. Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

December 10th, 1936.

MEDICAL MISSIONS IN THE TRANSVAAL

Herewith I send a copy of the minutes of a Conference of Transvaal medical missions held at Pietersburg on October 27th under the auspices of this Committee.

Acting upon the instruction of the Conference, a deputation consisting of Drs. Aitken and Rosset and the undersigned attended on the Public Hospitals Committee (Transvaal) at Pretoria on November 19th. Unfortunately, the Bishop of Pretoria and Dr. Mathews were unable to attend. The deputation was given a sympathetic hearing by the Committee and many questions were asked indicating keen interest in the points raised. There is every reason to hope that the representations made will bear results favourable to medical missions.

J.D. Rheinallt Jones

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