

Hospital

ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL, MISSOURI,
3636 SOUTH BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Feb. 13 1938

My dear Mr. R. J.

Elvance Sidgums is writing you
as she is anxious to go to the
N.M. European Hospital Tokyo, & I
see by her letter from you, it is also
her Father's wish, also that you
will put in a word for her -
Her year ends here May 1st, &
she wants a month's holiday.
If a vacancy was offered
her before June 1st. Then I
would let her free to get
her holiday earlier - It would
have been a great help to
me to have had her for
3 years, as it is in the

2nd, 3rd year, that - one gets some
compensation in Training. The
once their minds are set, it
is wth. wise to suggest otherwise.
So in her case she shall
go on - It is a pity she has wth.
the highest education for full
Training, as she is a capable
little body, & likely to make
a very good Nurse -

I am offering Augusta Gladde
the Staff Nurse Post - She has
relieve done 3 years at the
C. Johnson Quilbed - She is now
20 years, & they have wth. had
much material there for Tra.
but I am desperate to get
girl with experience, especially
as I am alone again - ^{for iron}
7000. J. B. Corder

did not mention
she
Kodima
Kodima
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If you were or
never expense on
my behalf I
will pay re - Staff Nurse
ST. MICHAEL'S MISSION,
PALTHAROS,
VA KURUMAN, C.P.

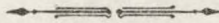
Hydrazine h^o - R. J. H. P. S. Jan. 16th 1938 -

I wonder if you can help me towards
getting a Staff Nurse - I have only
3 Parastiters & the strain is great -
with Hospital a few minutes walk
away, & also the h^o - weather to
contend with - we have w^o - get-
ted Rain. beyond a shower & so
& are now Declared Publicly a
Throught Area, & eligible for Gov
aid for food for man & beast -
Florence Sidgum leaves next
month. she fixed up what I need
away to go to N. E. Johannesburg
so completes her year here, &
then goes March 1st -

She is a splendid little worker,
keen, & good character, &
should do well - Please tell her
Father of you that that way -
I thought there was a - Agency
or Association - that - acted
to find Nurses Posts & Posts
vacant, but - have no address
or means of finding out -
wonder when you will come
this way again -

It is school holiday so every-
thing more or less at rest -
Dorothy Sathabe is teacher &
Wajjeral, she is Murah's Sister
so I said - Teachers rather do
find out - state of Wajjering -
we have missed many yet 1938 -
Affectionately Ide Colden -

ELIM HOSPITAL
(SWISS MISSION)



MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT:

J. A. ROSSET,
M.D., L.R.C.S.E. D.T.M. & HY.



P.O. ELIM HOSPITAL,
TRANSVAAL, N.

4th March 1938 19

Senator L.D. Rheinallt Jones
House of Parliament
CAPE TOWN

Dear Mr. Jones,

As you know, Dr. Stanford, who was helping here, left at the end of December to go to the Jane Furse Hospital. Since then, we have been trying to get a new assistant, but without success. Dr. Aitken suggested that I write to you, as you may know of some one who would care to come up here. A lady doctor could very well do the work here, as there is very little travelling. The salary attached to the post is £. 300 per annum, plus board and lodging. I would be most grateful to you if you could find us some one who would be the right person in this post.

I very much regret to give you this trouble, but it is very difficult to find some one from here.

I remain,

yours very sincerely

J. Rosset.

Threlfall Memorial Mission
P.O. Maputa
via Zululand.
2. 4. 1937.

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Mrs Rheinolt Jones
Johannesburg.

Dear Madam

When yours of the 16th Nov: 1937 arrived here we were in the thick of the floods. As I was at that time waiting for a chance to get to the Railway to go to Johannesburg, I did not write you a long letter hoping to go to see you personally. I ~~trust~~ that you received my reply to your questions. A good few letters did not reach their destinations at that time.

Instead of leaving here on Nov: 20th as intended I did not do so until Dec: 8th. Even then it was on such a roundabout way that the journey crossing full rivers, swamps etc: took five precious days off the two weeks left before Christmas when I had to be back here again. As several relatives had to be visited, there was not much time left for

Johannesburg where most of that little time was taken up by visits to Dentist, Occulert, Optician. The great plan of spending several days at the Exhibition, ended in one single one.

My dissatisfaction in not being able to go to see you was great as I have so many things I would love to speak to you about. Had had great hopes of being able to have the privilege of speaking to Mr. Jones also.

May I introduce myself?

I was born and brought up on a mission station by parents who spent themselves for the Native people. Have spent most of my life doing mission work. Fourteen years ago I lived + worked here for nearly a year. Then a new missionary came + I was able to go to the Humber near Hongoma as Mr. Poulson could take over the medical work here + we wanted to start ^{it} at Mlopankulu also. During the thirteen years there, the work grew so much that it nearly killed me. (am not joking, but mean it.)

A year ago - 15 months to be correct - this place was left without a nurse. As a Native nurse could be got for Mlopankulu but not for here, I decided to come back. Exp: as I had prom: the people when I left, that I would do so should they be left

without a nurse.

Our Committee was against my coming as they thought I was not young enough to rough it as I would have to do without a cottage of my own, only white person on station, not able to get meat, milk nor butter etc: etc:

However the "Call" was so clear that I knew that the Master wanted me here, that it was my duty to come. Finally I had to send them an ultimatum. Either they allowed me to come or I would be obliged to leave their Service with a big heartache & offer my services to another Mission working in these parts.

They then gave their consent on condition that I can get into a mosquito proof place & not into the reed huts I had intended living in. That meant that I would have a small bedroom which had been reserved by the Superintendent for his ~~and~~ the Inspector of Schools' visits. Joining on to that is the study 10 x 15 ft & bathroom. A little wood & iron building 40 yds from the steps could be turned into a kitchen & storeroom.

Naturally I would much rather not have shared a house with natives, but the Minister & his wife were old friends of mine. What does one not do for the Lord's Work? For the good of the people?

The Study is now dining + living room. The bookshelves with green washable curtains make a fine pantry. A small enclosed verandah makes a splendid sleeping porch. The glorious view of the Bay, estuary + Sea out of the front window, the lake out of the door + the bush, faraway little inland lake, hills with Portuguese lighthouse on wooded hill, make one forget the narrowness of the room. These wonderful pictures take up most of the walls + make up for much.

I thank God daily for having brought me here where the need of Medical + Spiritual work is so great. This is the darkest place in the Union without a doubt. But to do full justice to the people I will have to move to Menguji which is a more central place. From there I could reach the outstations where I spend weekends, much more easily. I would often get a lift from the Strick + Dip's Inspector. From here it has to be done on foot. I love walking, but not the blisters.

Am hoping to get enough money together for the Nurse's Cottage to be built out of Cement-blocks; but we need some for a little cottage hospital with dispensary.

If I could afford it I would take a run up to Johannesburg to see Mr R. Jones so that I could

Tell him all about the great need we have of some of that money he has a say in as how it is to be spent best for the good of the Natives. But, there is so much poverty amongst most of the women & children here that I spend every penny ^{I can spare} in helping them.

Is it not possible for the two of you to come down here as soon as it is cooler to get to know about the people & their needs? You will be very welcome to my room & I will make you as comfortable as possible in my little flat. You would love the country.

Oh, you have no idea of the conditions of the poor women who are nothing but slaves sold for £30 to £60.

I feel that I must see you two as soon as ever possible.

If you can not come down I will borrow the money to go to see you, then stint some needy ones next quarter to pay it back. It is no good my trying to tell you all you should know by letter. As I have to go to Stegi on the 13th inst, it would be best for me to go straight on from there if I knew that you ^{+ Mrs R. Jones} could not come down, but would be in Johannesburg on the 16th or 17th. That is if I am able to borrow the money for the journey.

Will you be so kind as to send me a telegram to

Let me know if there is any hope of your coming, or if you will be at home on the 16th - to 17th in case I can arrange to go up². Our donkey back port takes so long that you will not have this letter before the 8th - or 9th.

I am sending you a description of a weekend of my work when in Zululand. Doing the same kind here, only without a horse.

Would not exchange my lot with that of anybody in the world. Only wish that I could do ten times as much.

Please excuse long letters.

With every good wish for your great work.

Yours faithfully

(Miss) H Prozesky

Missionary.

P.S. Telegram address

Prozesky

Maputa

Ingwavuma (Zululand)

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16th November, 1936.

The Matron,
 Threlfall Mission Hospital,
 KOSI BAY,
 Zululand.

Dear Madam,

This Institute is trying to get an up to date list of the mission hospitals of South Africa. Will you be good enough to give me some information about your Hospital:-

- Methodist* 1. Missionary Society.
No. 2. Is there a resident doctor? *The Dr has not been here since 1935.*
I am all in all 3. Is there a qualified European matron?
None to find 4. What other qualified nursing staff?
No money 5. Are Native staff nurses used?
We have no hospital 6. Are any Native Probationers accepted? If so, for what
sent only Dis penary certificate are they prepared?
 7. What capacity has your hospital for in patients?
341 visits 8. What is your monthly average of out patients?
I visit as many as possible. 9. Have you out station clinics in connection with your Hospital?

There is now a considerable demand on the part of well-
 --educated--

ans
12/3/38

St. Michael's Miss
Batthard,
Kurruman,
4/3/38

Dear Madam,
I received your letter and
the matron's letter. I thank you very much
for the kind work you did for me.
Miss Dobson had also written to me
to say that you were in Cape Town.
I also wrote to the matron Johannesburg.
Miss Gordon sent my testimony as
well.

I wrote to the Matron Thus:
Dear Madam,

I now write to you
if you will again offer me a Proprietary
vacancy as I shall finish my year
here the end of April. I should like
to take a month's holiday if possible
before taking up new duties.

May I remind you that you
offered me a vacancy January 1st and
matron here wrote for me to say I

should complete my year here if possible, and to ask you to offer me a late one.

I thought I wrote well to the matron of course I do not know. But the reply is not back yet. I wrote to my father, as well.

Waffers greetings,
yrs obediently,
Florence Sidrino,

Ms. E.A.J.

Etalaneni Hospital
P.O. Nkandhla
Zululand

100/1000
January 23rd 1938

Dear Miss Jones

I have here a Native girl - a Zulu Elizabeth Magwaza - who has been in training here in this Hospital but owing to various circumstances she has not completed her full time, and yet still wants to nurse. I wondered if you could help her to obtain a post as assistant nurse some where. She had completed 12 months when I went home on furlough but had not passed an examination. During my 9 months absence two different Sisters were in charge here - and so the lectures were somewhat interrupted consequently on my return in March they still had

i passed an examination and had had no
consecutive lectures on the first year
subjects - so I had to go all over again and
now at the end of the year this girl
Elizabeth has passed her examination set
by the District Surgeon who has been
lecturing them. Now they have done 2½
years training and only one examination
Elizabeth is a very good nurse, but really
needs to be away from her own people to
be at her best. She had been here long
enough - and could not have completed
her 2nd examination in the remaining
6 months. Not would have been content to
stay on for her £1 a month as the Hospital
can only afford to pay a maximum wage
of £1. Now of course she is finding it a
problem to obtain admission to another
Hospital, but would still like to nurse.

She is 21 yrs, a Church member - keen to
learn and quite good at her lectures
though only a standard VI girl at school -
because she could not afford to take standard
VII. I feel convinced she would make good
given a suitable opportunity, but of course
she could not take full responsibility on
her own as she has not finished her full
course of lectures, but has had experience
in most of the usual medical and
surgical cases.

I would be very grateful if you could
suggest something which would make
this girl of use to the Community, as she
is keen and so am I.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours Truly

W. M. Kendrick SRN
S.C.M.

Sister in Charge

January 27th, 1938.

The Sister in Charge,
Etalaneni Hospital,
P.O. Nkandla,
Zululand.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd instant addressed to Mrs. Rheinalt Jones in connection with Nurse Elizabeth Magwaza for whom you wish Mrs. Jones to find a post. This letter is being forwarded to Mrs. Jones in Capetown where she hopes to be at the beginning of the month, and I know that she will communicate with you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY TO THE HONORARY
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