

The Bernard Mizeki Schools Trust,
P.O. Box 129,
MARANDELLAS,
Southern Rhodesia.

28th February, 1960.

Dear Mr. Paton

I am writing to ask whether you would be able, and willing, to help us in the rather urgent business of finding a new Principal of the Bernard Mizeki School.

The former Principal, Mr. David Read, has recently left, having built up the school to a high standard of keenness and efficiency during the past four years. The school is now being run by an Acting Principal, but his commitments are such that he will not easily be able to make himself available to continue after September this year.

I attach a note on the School and the Principalship. We are not anxious to advertise, as we think we are more likely to get the man we want through personal enquiry. We are looking for a youngish man of first-rate quality who would not only be competent to manage a large School but would also have the something extra necessary to bring it up to first-class standard in tone and educational achievement. The opportunity for doing something really constructive here is very great, and I do not need to tell you how important it is, in the wider context, at the present stage of African development in Southern Rhodesia. We should of course need a practising Christian who was a communicant member of the Anglican Church.

If you could help us in any way by putting us on the track of likely candidates, we should be deeply grateful. And if there were any further information you would wish to have about the School or the terms of the Principal's appointment, I should be very happy to provide it.

This letter is addressed to you at the suggestion of Miss Barbara Tredgold, a member of the Executive Committee of the College of the Selection Committee

Yours sincerely,

Robert Grinham

(Canon R. Grinham)
Secretary.

Alan Paton Esq.,
KLOOF,
Natal.

BERNARD MIZEKI SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL

The School is mainly a Central Primary School (Standards IV to VI) of 240 boys (all boarders). Attached to it is an embryonic Lower Primary School of 80 children (boys and girls, mostly day pupils), which at present embraces Sub-Standards A and B and Standards I and II. It is hoped that the Lower Primary School will extend to Standard III in 1961.

In July 1959 the School was taken over by the Bernard Mizeki Schools Trust which was founded to establish Bernard Mizeki College (a new secondary boarding school for boys).

The Trust Schools are administered by a distinguished Board of Governors which is independent of Church and Government control, and are comparable to the following in constitution: Peterhouse, Ruzawi, Springvale, Whitestone, Bishopslea (European Schools).

THE SITE

The School is situated on 2,000 acres of farm land in very lovely country some ten miles North of Marandellas. It has its own farm and orchard, staff and farm buildings, a tractor, a lorry, a kit-car, and a considerable quantity of miscellaneous equipment. Water is pumped by machinery from two bore-holes. Electric light is now being installed.

Marandellas, with three Anglican Church Boarding Schools for European boys, three Government Schools and a Roman Catholic Convent, has become an educational centre.

THE PRINCIPALSHIP

The appointment commences in September 1960, though postponement to January 1961 would be considered if an outstandingly suitable candidate could not make himself available earlier.

Applicants should be fully-trained teachers. Experience of teaching African children would be a great asset.

The salary is in accordance with the Government scale, i.e. £700 to £1,550, the point of entry being determined in the usual manner by qualifications and experience.

Long leave on full pay is granted for three months at the end of five years' service.

Sea passage and/or Rail Fare paid to Marandellas.

Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a Pension or Provident Fund.

A comfortable, recently built, unfurnished house is provided for the Headmaster, married or unmarried.

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23 Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal.

14th March, 1960.

Dear Canon Grinham,

I received your letter in regard to the Bernard Mázeki School. I suppose you are sure to have been in touch with Michael Stern, the Headmaster of St. Michael's School, Victory Street, Rosettenville, Johannesburg? He has some very keen young men working under him.

Yours sincerely,

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