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N. M. T. T. Dehot,  
West Vlakfontein  
P.O. Dummattar

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Dear Madam,

Could you please advise me what to do as I have got two children at school one in matric and the other is taking up teacher's course N.P.L.I

I do not wish her to continue with the teacher's course, but I would like to transfer her to the nursing profession.

I have <sup>been</sup> made to understand that they do not take girls who have not passed their Std VIII.

She is sitting for her final examination next week, she was no 2 out of 40 girls and she is 19 yrs of age.

In the more, could you please send me a booklet which contains all training hospitals.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind favour,

Yrs. truly,  
Sergt. Gordonster Ntoko

From  
Mubāra

P.O. Bot 87.  
Lichtenburg.  
8/12/41.

Mrs. Rheinalt - Jones,  
Johannesburg.

Dear madam,

A niece of mine, now a qualified nurse in Johannesburg wishes to take her midwifery course, but she tells me the institutions (Bridgman's etc.) will not allow her unless she has passed Std. VII

Is the General Nursing Certificate not a sufficient qualification?

I shall be obliged by your favourable reply.

Yours obediently

J. M. Sekgatha.

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Mrs. T. Adams

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Despatched  
8/12/42  
L.O.M.

Box 4

Dorsey.

Dear Mrs. Adams,

with regard to our telephone conversation of this morning I am sending you a copy of the general booklet.

One or two of the Hospitals, notably Victoria Hospital Lovedale + McCord Durban practically never take a girl who has not completed J.C. & they all matriculation as an entry. It would therefore be unlikely that your protégée would get entry there.

Two factors then must be ~~some~~ reckoned with:

1. Religious Denomination
2. Language.

~~Since the girl was at~~ a Methodist girl, for instance, is not happy in a Roman

Catholic Hospital & a girl used to retail  
Chwona life shouldn't go to a purely  
Zulu Hospital.

Since ~~the~~ the girl was at St. Hilda's  
I should recommend her to apply to all the following:

King Edward <sup>Angella</sup> <sup>Congella</sup> <sup>Durban</sup>  
General Hospital ~~Job.~~ (non European) Job.  
Bobsburg - Benoni Hosp.

Vereeniging Hosp.

Queenstown Hosp.

John Hosp. N. Tol.  
Jane Nurse Mem. Hospital, P/P Middelbrey  
Tol.

The last is a very delightful Anglican Hospital  
which would carry on the tradition of St. Hilda's,  
but the language of patients is more commonly  
Pedi than Zulu, though there are many Kaffir  
people round. I happen to know they have  
vacancies there at present, & I think she

would have a good chance at once x  
~~with the~~  
~~down the road~~ W

~~My~~ I think, however, it would be wise  
to make all the above applications. May  
I also ask that when she has been accepted  
& goes to a hospital, she write a polite note  
to all others to which she applied, saying she  
is fixed up. Neglect of this gives a quite  
unnecessary delay & inconvenience to  
Hospitals & others - would-be probateurs.

Please write or phone me if you want  
any further points cleared up.

All the hospitals I have mentioned  
above give training for the full Med. Course  
Certificate in General & Surgical Nursing  
Many hospitals which only give a 'Hospital'  
Certificate would be glad to take her, but I do

Not recommend this.

Yours sincerely

Grootfontein Clinic,  
P.O. Silverkrans,  
Via - Zwaatsuggens  
9th - 12 - 42.

Dear Madam,

Greetings.

Will you please send me a copy of the booklet "Nursing as a profession for Non-European Women", as I would also like to receive a fuller information about Nursing Training from you please.

Madam, may I also know & what courses has one to follow, or what ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> being taught in the Health Visitor & School Nurse Training, it is really a new course I do not know of. Where has one to send applications?

Wishing mine to find your favourable reply.

yours Faithfully  
Margaret S. Ramothibe.

PTO P.C.  
12/12/42

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11th December, 1942.

Miss Margaret Ramothibe,  
Grootfontein Clinic,  
P.O. Silverkranz,  
VIA ZWARTRUGGENS.

Dear Madam,

I have posted you the booklet today.

A Course for the Health Visitor and School Nurse certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute is opening in Johannesburg in January. It will take six months. Entrance fee £10 (strictly in advance), and a nurse provides her own pocket money, fares and uniforms and other clothes. Board and lodging and tuition is provided. The course qualifies for the new Education Department posts.

It can only be taken by Registered Nurses and Midwives, i.e. those who have taken Medical Council Certificates.

Application to :-

Miss Simpson,  
Non-European Hospital,  
Johannesburg.

Yours faithfully,

EBJ/NMC.



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*Mr Jones*

# The Natal Cambrian Collieries, Limited.

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NATAL

10th December, 1942.

The Secretary,  
S. A. Institute of Race Relations,  
P. O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

As we are requiring a ~~Female~~ Native Nurse at our Native Hospital, I would be pleased if you could allocate us one.

The Nurse must be fully qualified in Nursing and have a thorough knowledge of Hygiene.

I am prepared to pay a salary of £6. per month with quarters and food provided.

Working conditions at the Colliery are ideal, and any likely applicant would be well pleased.

I will be pleased if you will spare no effort in endeavouring to obtain a suitable Nurse, and as speedily as possible.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

*Robinson*

MANAGER.

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*PTO  
for  
answer*

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11th December, 1942.

The Manager,  
Natal Cambrian Collieries, Limited,  
Dannhauser,  
NATAL.

Dear Sir,

I have no Native Nurse of the qualifications you mention on my lists. Even yet nurses are not being trained as quickly as they are absorbed into employment.

I suggest that you insert an advertisement in "The Bantu World" ( P.O.Box 6663, Johannesburg), and it is possible that you will find applicants of whom I do not know.

If I can be of any use to you in scrutiny of applications or in interviewing a short list of applicants, I shall be pleased to be of assistance.

Yours faithfully,

EBJ/NMC

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11th December, 1941.

Mr. J.M. Lekgetha,  
P.O. Box 87,  
LICHTENBURG.

Dear Mr. Lekgetha,

Bridgman usually stands rigidly to the Std. VII and as they have a long waiting list always, I suppose they have a right to pick and choose. I think they are wrong, but I am no longer on the Board and so cannot interfere.

On the other hand, both the Durban Hospitals, McCord and King Edward VIII take cases on their merits, but must be satisfied that they were the equivalent of Std. VII. That depends on the General Certificate concerned. I would advise you about that if I knew where your niece was trained.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

EBJ/FN

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C. Ulco,  
via Kimberley C.P.  
9<sup>th</sup> December 1932.

Mrs Rheinolt Jones  
Box 97  
Johannesburg,

Dear Mrs Jones,

I have seen in the Banks  
World of the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst an explanatory by  
Mrs Jones of the Nursing profession. I happen  
to be one of those that went as far as  
Std VI and 3 years of Domestic Science. I qualified  
in Medical & Surgical Nursing at the Crown  
Wines Native Hospital, Johannesburg, as far back as 1933,  
and took up duties at the Rustenburg General Hospital  
Hospital as staff nurse for a period of 3 years. "Warrior"  
intervened. However, it has always been my  
wish to take up Midwifery training as well.

Could Mrs Jones, please help, as I  
do not know which training hospital would be  
willing to accept me. I do not mind the  
entrance fee. I am in a position to meet same.

I beg to remain,  
yours faithfully  
Josephine Mabi  
(nee Lebele)

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PTO  
L. A. M. W.

11th December, 1942.

Mrs. Josephine Hlabi,  
P.O. Ulco,  
Via Kimberley,  
CAPE PROVINCE.

Dear Mrs. Hlabi,

I think with your education and training you will find it possible to get entry to a Midwifery Hospital.

I advise you to write at once for application forms to:-

The Matron,  
Bridgman Hospital,  
Brixton,  
Johannesburg.

The Matron,  
St. Monica's Home,  
182, Bree Street,  
Cape Town.

The Matron,  
Victoria Hospital,  
Lovedale, C.P.

and The Matron,  
McCord Hospital,  
Durban.

I hope you will find it possible to enter one of these Hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

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14th December, 1942.

Mrs. Violet J. Nkabinde,  
Minnaar Colliery,  
MINNAAR.

Dear Mrs. Nkabinde,

The General Nursing Course usually takes at least four years, so that, I think, would be too long for you to be away from home. So you would have to take the full not the shortened midwifery course. There are two hospitals which might take you :-

Bridgman Memorial Hospital,  
Brixton,  
Johannesburg.

and  
McCord Hospital,  
Durban.

You should write to the Matron in each case for full particulars and entrance form. You are at liberty to use my name as reference.

Have you considered the possibility of taking a Social Work course? A course at the Jan Hofmeyr School will begin in January, and I would recommend you for a bursary, but it may be you could not get free from school so soon. If you are interested, send at once to :-

Dr. Ray E. Phillips,  
19, Eleanor Street,  
Fairview, Johannesburg

for application forms etc. The date of entry is long past, but

I think I could persuade Dr. Phillips to consider your application if that course attracts you - but it may, of course, be that your heart is set on Midwifery.

Are you going to be at Minnaar during the Holidays? If so, I would like to come out and give what Wayfarers could be gathered there a little party and enrolment, etc. If not, I will leave it to next term.

Yours sincerely,

EBJ/NMC

Minnaar bolliery,

P.O Minnaar.

10<sup>th</sup> December 1942

Dear Mrs Jones;

In the Bantu world of the 5<sup>th</sup> December. I read the article written by you to African girls and young women advising them to apply for nursery course.

I am now here by asking for further informations about the midwifery course, whether one is to take it straight away or to obtain the medical certificates first then jump to the midwifery?

I am not clear about that point I would like you to put me to light about that, Explain it in details please.

I am married and I did not complete the teaching course I went as far as 2<sup>nd</sup> year I am now 22 years old and I've got one child, now I would like to take the midwifery course. Again there's this thing which which I don't clearly understand. Which are the General nurses who takes the Examination after six months? I am prepared to take these courses. I am anxiously awaiting your earliest reply. Giving me full advise.

Thanks.

Faithfully yrs  
Violet. J. Nkabinde



23rd December, 1942.

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Mrs. M. Kumalo,  
405, Bulawayo Street,  
Lady Selborne,  
PRETORIA.

Dear Madam,

I have received your letter of 21/12/42, and have sent you the little booklet with more information about Nursing Training.

I realise the difficulty of a mother like yourself who, being left a widow, finds she cannot go on with her children's education.

If your daughter did so well in her First Year, I think that there might be some help for her.

R. B. Wood.  
I advise her to write a letter to the District Inspector asking him to recommend her to the Chief Inspector for a Transvaal Education Department Bursary either  
(a) to go to Secondary School and get J.C. , or  
(b) to go to complete her course at Training College.

You did not tell me at which Training College she studied, nor where she was teaching.

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I do not advise sending her to Helping Hand Club- that Domestic Course is specially for girls who do not get on well at school and want to go into Domestic Work.

P.T.O. - If -

If you cannot get her back to College or Secondary School, I think we might get her into a Hospital for Nursing Training, but it is difficult to get a girl without J.C. into a Hospital which gives the full course.

Please do not let her waste time - the years are precious. If she writes to me giving me more particulars

1. e. 1. At what school Standard VI
2. At what College 1st year
3. Exactly what she did last year after leaving College,

I will reconsider her case and see if I can suggest anything further. Could you send her to stay with someone at Atteridgeville or Western Native Township or Orlando, so as to go to Day Secondary School?

Where did your husband come from? From the name I think he must have come from the Eastern Transvaal or from Natal. Should she go to a school at some place where she has relations, like Ermelo or Witbank or Newcastle? You see, I have not full particulars.

Yours faithfully,

Packet sent,

405 Bulwerway St  
Lady-Selborne  
Pretoria  
21<sup>st</sup>-12-42

Dear Madam,

I saw your article in the Bantu world and I will be please to hear from you what to do if ~~you~~ I want to sent my child to school for nursing. She is my only child & the father passed away while she was still in first year so she had to leave school before completing her course at any rate she passed her 1<sup>st</sup> year with honours in 1<sup>st</sup> grade she is teaching at the present moment I'm <sup>not</sup> having ~~not~~ enough money to educate her but she is interested in nursing will you be so kind and let me know what to do before next year

and please sent me the list of hospitals. she passed her first aid in August this year, or is it wise to sent her to the medical helping hand club for native girls I really don't know what to do with my child she is not yet interested in this social outside life the post which she is having at present is just but a temporary post. she is 18 years of age she will be 19 the 2nd of February 1943 & she was taking domestic signs last year here at home but I saw that it didn't pay as I was looking forward to the future of the two of us. I'm asking your advice in this case dear madam I wish you a Merry christmas & happy new year.

Your most humble servant  
Mrs M. Kumalo.

RR

Miss Nomsa Waqu,  
P.O. Askeaton  
via Lady Here

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23/1/42  
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Dear Nomsa,

We do not have any <sup>nursing</sup> training at this Institute but I am sending you a little book telling you about Hospitals.

It is not possible to get into a Hospital which gives a full certificate with only Sr. VI. You will have to go back to school, that is to a Secondary school + obtain G.C. if you can or at least Sr. VII. After you have your school certificate you can apply to one of the Hospitals (I think Queenstown would be nearest to you) + the Nursing course will take you about 4½ years. Then if you are successful, you will get a Medical Council Certificate.

Yours RR

P. O. Asheaton,  
Via Lady Freere.  
17-12-42.

Mrs. Rheinallt Jones,  
S. A. Institute of Race Relations  
P. O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Dear Mrs. Rheinallt Jones,

Herewith I am having the honour of applying for your kindness in accepting me to be one of your students under the rules and regulations of the Institution. I am eager to proceed in nursing. However, I will also be glad to work during working hours and have lectures during such chances, so long as I will be able to obtain a certificate. I had passed my Std. VI in the year 1941.

I hope my application will meet your most favourable consideration. Also hoping for the earliest reply. Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, yours faithfully,  
"Nomosa Wagon."

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