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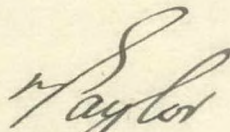
Professor R.F.A. Hoernle,
Witwatersrand University,
Milner Park,
JOHANNESBURG.

Sir,

ORLANDO AND WESTERN TOWNSHIP NATIVE SCHOOLS:
COMMITTEES.

With further reference to your letter of the 3rd ultimo, I am directed to enclose herewith for your information copies of letters received from Inspector Jansen in connection with the above matter.

I am,
Your obedient servant,



SECRETARY: TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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School Board Offices,
KRUGERSDORP.

18.12.41.

The Secretary,
T.E.D.,
PRETORIA.

26-1-1942

Sir,

I wish to inform you that at the parents meeting held at Orlando on the 8.12.41, the following African members were elected to serve in the Secondary School Committee:-

1. Dr. S.S.T. Molêma, c/o S.African Ass. for Burial and Aid, Orlando Branch, P.O. Orlando, Johannesburg
2. Rev. H.G. Mpitso, Methodist Church, 2211 Kaiyana Street, Pinville, Johannesburg.
3. Mr. W.B. Ngakane, "Lungaleqwaba Hostel", P.O. Orlando, Johannesburg.

The European members are as follows:-

1. Prof. Hoernle, the school superintendent.
2. Mr. Nicolas, the location superintendent.
3. Dr. Taylor, representing missionary body.
4. Revl Vandenbussche, representing missionary body.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) C.A: Jansen
CIRCUIT INSPECTOR.

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School Board Offices,
KRUGERSDORP.

18.12.41.

The Secretary,
T.E.D.,
PRETORIA.

Sir,

I wish to inform you that at the parents meeting held at Western Native Township Secondary School, on the 10.12.41, the following African members were elected to serve in the secondary school committee:-

1. Mr. Selope Thema, c/o "Bantu World", Perth Street, Westdene, Johannesburg.
2. Mr. S. Moguerane, c/o Cooperative Stores, Western Native Township, Johannesburg.
3. Dr. A. Xuma, corner Edward and Toby Streets, Sophiatown, Johannesburg.

The European members are as follows:-

1. Professor Hoernle, the school superintendent.
2. Mr. Cleverly, location superintendent
3. Rev. R.H. Raynes, representing missionary body.
4. Rev. A. Cowgill, representing missionary body.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) C.A. Jansen
Circuit Inspector.

Community of the Resurrection.

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The Priory,
Rosettenville,
Johannesburg.

12th February, 1942.

Dear Prof. Hoernle,

We are very much disturbed by Circular No.3 of 1942, Native Education, dated January 20th, 1942, (re: Quarterly returns to be submitted direct to Pretoria by Native head teachers) for the following reasons:-

1. This appears to break their own regulation of 1907 (page 3 of the Handbook) which reads: "It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that such records are kept and such returns submitted as may be required by the Department from time to time", and their instruction (page 29) "Teachers..... desiring to communicate with the Department must do so through the Superintendent".

2. This has not been discussed at the Advisory Board and the opinions of Superintendents sought on this difficulty.

3. Apparently, it has been sent out behind Superintendents' backs to all head teachers while the usual course is to ask the Superintendents to send such circulars to the head teachers.

4. It gives far too much power to the Department as to the "correct" payment of salary cheques. If we apply for head teachers' allowances, they can turn round and say Head teachers were late in sending their quarterly returns, or they were not in order when they were sent. Actually, with July 1941 and January 1942 cheques, neither Father Raynes nor myself had the head teacher's allowance paid to our head teachers although our returns were posted in time on both occasions and each of us sent all in one envelope.

If this is so under existing regulations, what of the future? Unless every head teacher registers his quarterly returns, he has no proof that ~~they~~ he posted them. Again, unless the Superintendent countersigns the return, the head teacher has no proof they are correct (paragraph 5 of this circular).

5. What if the quarterly returns are lost, wrongly filed, etc., by the Department! During last quarter T.E.D. lost certain Superintendents' receipts and in other respects showed absolute confusion (e.g. Rents were applied for on one sheet of paper, but only 90% were paid. On applying for the other 10% a second time, they replied that apparently they had never been applied for! etc, etc)

6. Obviously, T.E.D. is terribly overworked, but they do not

realise/.....

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realise that some Native head teachers and Superintendents are likewise. (T.E.D. made the same complaint about the late arrival of quarterly returns on 3rd November 1936, Circular No.3; so there is nothing new in this as No.3 of 1942 implies).

No doubt it is very inconvenient not getting all quarterly returns in at the correct time; but only when a Superintendent fails successively in this respect should the Department then step in with this method, or else presume the school no longer exists (page 26 of Handbook).

7. What European Teachers Association would allow their head teachers to lose their allowances, if there were mistakes on their quarterly returns? Or, if they were over 10 days late? (Circular No.3 of 1936 read "within 14 days of the close").

What can we do under the circumstances? There is the Advisory Board, but this will probably meet too late for any action.

Is there anything which could be done at once? Would the European teachers Association take it up for the Native head teachers?

The whole circular is obviously aimed against the Superintendents who are not satisfied with what T.E.D. pays and want the Native teachers to get what is due to them according to the scale and living allowance etc. But T.E.D. replies the teachers must be satisfied with what we pay them!

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Carter *sr.*

P.S.

There is the further question of what action a Superintendent should take if T.E.D. persist in refusing to pay cost of living allowance due to the Native teachers, and issue out incorrect statements from Pretoria. As they are servants of the Crown, the ordinary procedure cannot be followed.

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The Priory,
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Johannesburg.
23rd February, 1942.

Dear Professor Hoernle,

In further reference to my letter of a few days ago about Circular No.3 of 1942, I wonder if you would be so kind as to move some such motion as the following at the Advisory Board on March the 19th:-

" That in the opinion of this Board, it is undesirable to make disciplinary regulations which only affect African principals and are not in force in European government schools of this Province".

In support of this there are the following facts:-

1. African principals are to lose their April head teachers' allowances if their quarterly returns are not at Head Office by April the 12th.
2. It is admitted by Dr. Eiselen that owing to the War he has an insufficient and incompetent staff at Head Office. It is a natural deduction that if they are blamed for their negligence by Dr. Eiselen, they try to shift the blame on to Superintendents not doing their duty. But Superintendents would bring forward much evidence that Head Office have mislaid various documents. It looks to me as if this is colour legislation as in July and January last not one of the African teachers received their Head teacher's allowance, but on both these occasions Mr. Darling received his!! *But all quarterly returns sent in the same envelope!*
3. Naturally some principals out of some 950 schools are slow, but this is only similar to the 960 odd European Government schools; e.g. memorandum on the school boards to be found in the report of the T.E.D. for the year ending 1935, page 164, under "Information furnished to Head Office" - "Principals are frequently careless and slack in making their returns" - "Work would be considerably reduced if Principals were to carry out regulations strictly". But no one has, as far as I know, adopted the method which T.E.D. now proposes as regards African principals. I hope T.E.D. will get it hot and strong from the Advisory Board.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Carter

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

OFFICE OF THE—KANTOOR VAN DIE

SUPERINTENDENT.
New Kempsey Buildings,
115 Fox Street,
Johannesburg.
24th February, 1942.

Prof. R.F.Hoernlê,
Chairman, Alexandra Health Committee,
University of the W.W.Rand,
Milner Park,
Johannesburg.

Dear Prof. Hoernlê,

re: Alexandra Schools.

Many thanks for your favour of the 19th Instant.

In reply I wish to thank your Health Committee for being prepared to assist us. For the information of your Committee I am enclosing herewith a statement showing the number of subsidised schools in Alexandra Township together with the approximate enrolment, the number of classrooms required and the number of classrooms actually available.

From this your Committee will notice, that there are approximately 7,750 children of school-going age at present accommodated in mission churches, Halls, and other unsuitable rooms and only 59 proper classrooms.

1. Approximately 2000 children of school-going age are not attending any school at present,
2. Five private schools with an approximate enrolment of 750 pupils are receiving no Government support through lack of accommodation,
3. The eleven registered schools have at their disposal only 59 proper classrooms, leaving a shortage of 42 for these supported schools, and that
4. In all 97 additional classrooms are required this year.

These figures are furnished for your information only and to substantiate any representations, which your Committee may wish to make to Native Affairs.

My present application for £20,000 is only on behalf of the three amalgamated schools of which I am superintendent. For these I require three separate school buildings of approximately 14, 13 and 8 classrooms respectively, together with a fourth building of at least three large rooms for Domestic Science and Boys' Industrial work. If your Committee wishes to increase the sum of money mentioned above, you may do so.

I do not think it advisable at the present juncture to call a meeting of all bodies and organisations running schools in the Township, because

- i. This my application is not being made on their behalf,
- ii. Some of them may even feel inclined to oppose/

Prof. Hoernlé.

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oppose such a request, and

iii. I have not as yet discussed such matters with all their responsible authorities.

iv. In my programme is included a meeting of all concerned (including your Health Committee) at a later and more opportune occasion.

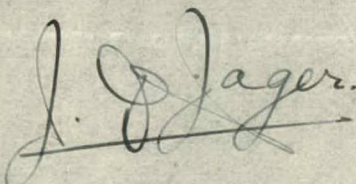
With regard to suitable sites it may be stated that I have inspected a large open piece of ground in front of the Wynberg(?) Police Station, and found this very suitable for school purposes. This is the site, I presume, you mentioned in connection with your predecessor.

The open public space in the Township does not appear to be too suitable, unless the whole of it is eventually set aside exclusively for school purposes.

May I however suggest, that the matter of suitable sites be left in abeyance for later consideration, but that your Health Committee in the meantime apply direct to the Native Affairs Department for a substantial grant (from £20,000 to £30,000) for three public school buildings and one manual work centre as detailed above?

Thanking you personally as also all members of your Health Committee for your interest in and willingness to support us.

Yours sincerely,



SUPERINTENDENT: Alexandra Amalgamated Schools.



Enclosure of Prof. Hoernlé.

ALEXANDRA NATIVE TOWNSHIP.

A. Native Schools subsidised by the T. E. D.

No.	Name	Approx. no of pupils in attendance	No. of prpper Classroom available	Required
1.	Alexandra Amalg. Junior	600	0	12
2.	Alexnadra Amalg, Senior	550	7	11
3.	Alexandra Amalg. Secondary	150	0	4
	Total 3 Schools	1300	7	27
4.	R.C. Holy Cross Junior)			
5.	" Senior)			
6.	" Industrial)	1500	26	30
7.	Anglican Primary	650	9	13
8.	Dutch Reformed Prim.	200	0	4
9.	Lutheran Primary	450	6	9
10.	Methodist Primary	600	8	12
11.	Swiss Primary	300	3	6
	Total for 11 registered Schs.	5000	59	101

B. Private Schools not Subsidised.

5 Private Primary Schools 750 0 15

C. Estimated No. of Children of School-going Age Not Attending any Schools 2000 0 40

APPROXIMATE GRAND TOTALS 7750 59 156

J. D. Lager
INSPECTOR OF
NATIVE EDUCATION
24-2-1942
SOUTH-EASTERN CIRCUIT
JOHANNESBURG

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Professor R.F.A. Hoernle,
Witwatersrand University,
JOHANNESBURG.

The Secretary,
J.W. Jagger Bequest Committee,
Diocesan College, (for your information)
RONDEBOSCH. C.P.

5-3-1942

Sir,

WESTERN TOWNSHIP SECONDARY SCHOOL: GRANTS OF BOOKS.

With reference to the list of schools recommended for a grant of books out of the J.W. Jagger Bequest Fund it will be appreciated if the Western Township Native Secondary School, Johannesburg, could be added to the names of those schools appearing on the list sent you last year.

Professor R.F. Hoernle of the Witwatersrand University is the Superintendent.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

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SECRETARY, TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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The Priory,
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5th March, 1942.

Prof. R. F. Alfred Hoernle,
Witwatersrand University,
Milner Park,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Professor Hoernle,

Thank you for your letter and for offering to move the motion I suggested about disciplinary regulations.

I have now discovered from Father Yates that the December returns for Torbanite School were very late and yet the Head Teacher was paid his Head Teacher's allowance in January!! Also, as regards myself all returns were sent in before Christmas; yet at the end of January only Mr. Darling and one African head teacher received their Head Teacher's allowances, while the remaining 20 received nothing!

Perhaps this may be useful as supplementary material to what you already are experiencing yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Carter

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Professor R.F.A.Hoernle,
Witwatersrand University,
JOHANNESBURG.


Sir,

R.L. PETENI:TEACHER.

With reference to our conversation on the telephone to-day, I am directed to inform you that the Orange Free State Education Department has been requested to supply particulars in regard to this teacher's previous service.

As soon as this information has been received the matter will be further dealt with.

I am,
Your obedient servant,


SECRETARY, TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.



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THE TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
TRANSVAALSE ONDERWYSDEPARTEMENT.

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OFFICE. Inspector of Native Education.
P.O.Box 157,
Krugersdorp.

Prof.R.F.Alfred Hoernle.
University of the Witwatersrand.

Dear Prof. Hoernle,

In reply to your letter dated 24.2.42. with reference to the school desks delivered at the W.N.T. Secondary School, I wish to inform you as follows:-

(a) The Department placed an order for 750 dual desks with a firm in Potchefstroom of same type and quality you saw at W.N.T. School.

The first lot of 350 desks cost £1.12.6. each, the second lot of 400 desks cost £2. 0.0. each. Those you saw cost £2.0.0. each.

The desks ordered by Dr. Taylor now costs, I am told, £3.12.6. each, if obtainable at Duncan Baynes in Johannesburg.

(b) The last 400 desks were distributed as follows:-

- 250 Ventersdorp United School.
- 25 W.N.T.Secondary.
- 25 Orlando Secondary.
- 40 Wilberforce Training Institution.
- 20 Bethel Training Institution.
- 20 Rev. Toising. Krugersdorp Lutheran School.
- 20 Meyerton A.M.E. school.

(c) All the other desks except the 250 for Ventersdorp were delivered by Rail. All these desks arrived in good order and condition, and to the satisfaction of the parties concerned.

(d) I fear Mr. Madibane erred in not lodging a claim with the Railways, either through himself or through his superintendent of Inspector.

(e) It is now too late to do anything in the matter.

(f) The Department sent those benches to the different schools with the understanding they pay cartage from the station to the school, out of school funds.

W.N.T. Secondary school had to meet this expense out of their school fund- fees fund.

I think the only thing that can be done ,is to get a carpenter and have the damaged desks repaired.

(g) The Library Books for these two schools have already been ordered. I assume they have already been delivered by now. Dr. Eiselen and I went through the lists.

Yours faithfully,

C. A. Jansen
Inspector of Native Education.

All communications must be
Alle mededelings moet geadres-

addressed to the Secretary,
seer word aan die Sekretaris,

The Transvaal Education
Transvaalse Onderwys-
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Professor R.F.A. Hoernle,
University of Witwatersrand,
JOHANNESBURG.

Sir,

NEW BUILDINGS WESTERN NATIVE TOWNSHIP
SECONDARY SCHOOL AND ORLANDO SECONDARY SCHOOL.

With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, on the above subject, I am directed to inform you that before steps can be taken to procure corrugated iron for the roofing of these buildings it will be necessary to know what amount of iron will be required. It is, therefore, suggested that tenders be called for after the plans are approved and necessary consent has been obtained from the Controller of Industrial Man Power. If no tenders are received due to the fact that corrugated iron is unobtainable, this office will approach the Provincial Secretary with a view to obtaining iron. It must be understood that tenderers should not be informed that they can rely on this Department to procure the necessary iron.

Further I am to inform you that the allowance of £1000 for equipment is all that is available for this purpose and should not be exceeded.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. ...
SECRETARY: TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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The Priory,
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Johannesburg.

24th March, 1942.

Prof. R. F. A. Hoernle,
Witwatersrand University,
Milner Park,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Prof. Hoernle,

Thank you for your long and interesting letter about Circular No.3 of the Education Department and I await a supplementary circular on this subject.

I am quite certain that you did your best and nobody else could have done it better. Personally, I distrust very much methods employed in the O.F.S. where I have been informed that Superintendents are very different from those working in the Transvaal, and I myself am very doubtful about Transvaal superintendents being away for Christmas Day during the December-January holiday, unless they are sick.

Again, as so often in South Africa the personal note comes in and how is one to tell how long Dr.E. is going to continue to be Chief Inspector and will his successor think as he does? Again, why do so many Superintendents read harsh things into the Departmental circulars?

Here is one answer: Just a fortnight ago Mr. de Jager visited an Anglican (farm) school at Fortuna. He found there two teachers and 80 children all housed in one classroom 32' x 15'. Without any reference to the Superintendent, but acting on Departmental regulations, he turned out one teacher and thirty children including Std.IV whose names, he said, were not to appear in the government attendance register, and told them to hunt for a classroom elsewhere to accommodate these children and their teacher.

As this is right away on the farms that was, of course, impossible at a moment's notice. The next day he visited the School again to make certain his instructions had been carried out, and stopped just one minute only.

I have in consequence protested to him, but as I have had no reply to this letter, I have reported the matter to Dr.Eiselen. How can Superintendents fail to say that the Officers of the Department are harsh in the interpretation of Departmental regulations?

Technically, Mr. de Jager is quite correct

according to regulations, although the Department have granted me leniency in the farms.

Also, Mr. de Jager has threatened the Head Teacher of our School in Germiston Location that he will do the same there with three teachers and the children they teach because they have not got separate classrooms.

Yet this same person Mr. de Jager is supposed to have started the Joint Council at Lydenburg.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Carter

P.S. of course when it is fine: one teacher takes his class outside at Fokme.

American Board Mission in South Africa.

(Founded 1835.)

REV. J. DEXTER TAYLOR, D.D.
SUPERINTENDENT TRANSVAAL AND
INHAMBANE DISTRICTS.

CABLE AND TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"FERNSTALK" JOHANNESBURG.

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17 PRISCILLA STREET,
BELGRAVIA,
JOHANNESBURG.

27th March, 1942.

Professor R.F.A. Hoernle,
The University,
Milner Park,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Professor Hoernle,

You may remember that Mr. Madibane spoke to me when we were together at Western Township Secondary School about book-shelves that he thought I was to supply to the school. Father Raynes has since written me in the same connection. I have replied fully to Father Raynes but I think you also should have the facts in brief about the matter.

An amount of £7. was included in our estimate for furnishings for the school which were passed by the Education Department and I was instructed to submit accounts for each item in the list. Amongst the accounts received from Father Raynes was one of the Westdene Timber Co. for £7. 5/-, which was specified as for timber for book-shelves. That account was paid by the Department and I forwarded either to Father Raynes or direct to the Westdene Timber Co. An item for book-shelves was included in the list of requirements prepared by the acting Board ~~but~~ I had nothing whatever to do with the making or supplying of any of the furniture. I simply handled the correspondence as Secretary. If Mr. Madibane raises the question with you again I shall be glad if you will give him this explanation. I handled no funds for the Western Township School except in form of cheques received for the Department made out to specific firms or individuals and I had nothing to do with the letting of the contract either for the building itself or for any of its furnishings.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

James Dexter Taylor

PHONE 2-3963
TELEGRAMS:
"WESLEYAN"
PRETORIA.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTH AFRICA.

TRANSVAAL AND SWAZILAND.

REV. EDWIN BOTTRILL,
CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT.

778, PRETORIUS STREET, PRETORIA.

March 14th 1941

Professor R.F.A. Hoernle
38 St Patrick's Road
Houghton
Johannesburg

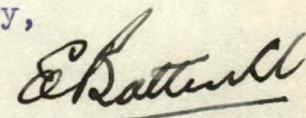
Dear Professor Hoernle,

I am sorry to trespass on the time of one engaged in so many and varied activities. I venture however, knowing your good nature, to ask your interest in the enclosed matter. I have written the statement, intending to read it to the Secretary of the Local Teachers' Association, and get him to sign it. However it is raining hard and I doubt if he will arrive. I have a copy and will read it to him. I think that it is substantially correct. I will ask him to write you as the representative of the Teachers on the Advisory Board. I saw Dr. Eiselen about the matter some time since. I think that too much has been left to the local Inspector and he and Mr. Brent between them have made a mess of things. What we really want, & I think the Teachers want, is that the Department should take full charge, that appointments should be made on service and merits. I have no doubt that the Dept will see all teachers placed, but that would entail hardship to some, who have already established themselves at Atteridgeville & are not keen to move. I have seen Mr. Castle this morning and got the matter placed on the Agenda. It will be rather awkward for me, if I am to say what I think about the matter, & this could not be done from the Chair. I am sure you will give the matter careful attention. I expect Senator Jones is at Cape Town or I would have written him. I, by chance he should be here, I shall be grateful if you could communicate the matter of the enclosed to him,

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,



Statement re Pretoria Elementary Native Schools

When the dissolution of the Marabastad Location, Pretoria, was resolved on by the Municipality and the new Location at Atteridgeville in contemplation, the representatives of the various churches controlling schools ~~was~~ summoned.

It was agreed ~~that~~ ^{were}, amongst other things, that the schools should not be denominational. That committees should be elected, that Superintendents be nominated by the Department.

As the first school building approached completion, a hastily summoned meeting of the Committee decided the order in which the schools should be removed. Dutch Reformed first, Anglican second, A.M.E. third.

This left the Methodist Schools, with 850 scholars and 17 teachers well in the rear. We were concerned about the future of the teachers, most of them had served the interests of the school faithfully & well through a long series of years. We were however assured that there was no need for apprehension, that there would be 4,000 children, eight schools, so that principals and teachers would be absorbed. With this statement we were satisfied - at the time.

The next move was that the Dutch Reformed staff was bodily transparent^{ly} -ed to Atteridgeville's first school, & the balance of the teaching staff of ten was recruited from outside teachers.

This action gave rise to great dissatisfaction. A meeting was called by the Chairman of the Schools committee, representing the churches, the Teachers' Association, and the Advisory Board of Marabastad Location &c. I was voted to the Chair. The decision of the meeting was that the Department should be asked to go back on its action and not establish what, rightly or wrongly, was regarded as a denominational school. I may say that I advised moderation, said that everyone would be satisfied when the eight schools materialised. However the vote went as I have indicated.

Now things have developed as no one foresaw. The people are not going to Atteridgeville, as was expected. They have moved in numbers to Lady Selborne, Eersterust, Eastwood. The Schools at Selborne are flooded. The Methodist School has risen from 450 to 600 and I understand that Anglican and R.C. Schools are even more numerous. We have had 8 teachers from the Department and have paid one from fees. Now we are told we cannot refuse children removed from the Town School. I am hoping to get three or four of the town teachers moved at once and am prepared to put up extra class rooms as soon as possible.

The position is (as I understand it) there will not be 4000 children at Atteridgeville for years. The Council will soon have completed

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the High School Building and the second elementary school. I am not sure if it is committed to the erection of a third elementary school. But beyond that, I am informed that the Council will not go. And if it were in a position to find the capital, the Department is not in a position to guarantee the rent per centage.

With regard to the personnel of the second school, I think the Dept has departed from its intention of moving the Anglican school en bloc and placing it under the Superintendence of Canon Woodfield. A circular has been issued to teachers asking them to apply for posts in this school. I advised my 17 teachers all of them to apply. To day is the closing day for applications.

Meanwhile the 17 teachers think that I have sold the pass for them and at first did not hesitate to say so. I realise that at the meeting to which I refer on the first page, they were right and I was wrong. But I relied on assurances which never should have been given.

The position is admittedly difficult. The teachers expectations are not reasonable. They think that they should have been transplanted as a Staff, which is not reasonable. Though if the staff could more or less be kept together it would be a gain in many respects & I have said that if that could be accomplished, anyone can take the Managership of the School. That is to me a matter of indifference.

79 Ngolase Street,
Atteridgeville,
Pretoria.

17th March 1941.

Professor R. F. A. Hoernle,
38 St. Patrick's Road,
Houghton,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

We write to endorse fully
the statement re- Allocation of Teachers in
Atteridgeville Schools submitted to you by
the Rev. E. Bottrill Chairman of Transvaal
Advisory Board on Native Education.

It is the wish of the T.A.T.A. Pretoria
Branch that this matter receives the careful
and sympathetic consideration of your Board.

We are,

1. A. J. Seale Chairman.
2. A. S. Mohlakwana Treasurer.
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154, Lafleur Street,
Lady Selborne,
Pretoria.
17th March 1942.

Superintendent,
Orlando Secondary School,
c/o Witwatersrand University,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I have been advised by the Chief Inspector of Native Education, Dr Eiselen, to find a post in one of the Junior Secondary Schools in the Transvaal. And as I wish to prosecute my degree studies I hereby apply for a vacancy that may open in January 1943, in your Secondary School, at Orlando where I will be within easy distance to avail myself of the opportunity to have access to the Witwatersrand University, as a part time student.

I am presently principal of the Lutheran school in Lady Selborne where I am in charge of the StdVI. This year my group passed 100 percent and was top in the Central Circuit.

I passed the University Matriculation in 1939. I hold the Transvaal Lower Teachers' Certificate. I have no doubt that I shall render myself useful to the school.

The principal Mr Nakeni is well known to me so that I have no fear that we shall work harmoniously together.

Trusting this application will receive your favourable consideration.

Yours obediently,

S.P. Kwakwa

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THE TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
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P.O. BOX 564
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Professor R.F.A. Hoernle,
Witwatersrand University,
JOHANNESBURG.

- 8 - 6 - 1942

Sir,

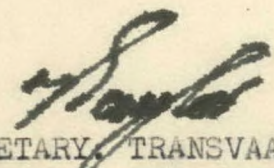
AFRICAN TEACHERS AS MEMBERS OF NATIVE ADVISORY BOARDS.

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, I am directed to inform you that at several of the elections for seats on Municipal Advisory Boards there has been a great deal of unpleasantness leading in one instance to legal proceedings against and conviction of a teacher who stood as a candidate.

The Department, therefore, considered it advisable to debar teachers from contesting seats on Municipal Advisory Boards because teachers are bound to side with either the one or the other party of location residents.

If you desire this instruction to be withdrawn the matter can be discussed at the next meeting of the Advisory Boards.

I am,
Your obedient servant,


SECRETARY, TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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JOHANNESBURG.

11th June, 1942.

Professor R.F.A. Hoernle,
University of the Witwatersrand,
MILNER PARK.

Confidential

Dear Professor Hoernle,

re: NATIVE TEACHERS ON LOCATION ADVISORY BOARDS.

With reference to the circular letter in connection with the above matter sent out by the Secretary of Education, and further to the discussion in the Joint Advisory Boards' Meeting yesterday, the following report submitted to me by the Acting Superintendent of Pimville, may be of interest to you :-

" The enclosed circular letter, together with a copy
" of a letter addressed to D. Moeti by the Secretary,
" Transvaal Education Department, are forwarded for
" your information. No explanatory letter was received
" from the Secretary of Education as to why I should
" be advised about his Department's rulings.
" It appears, however, that this correspondence centres
" around the split in the local Advisory Board. Moeti,
" who claims to be the Secretary to the local "citizen"
" or Vigilance Committee, was instructed to write to
" the Secretary of Education for his ruling as to the
" legality of Mqubuli's (or any other teacher's) member-
" ships of the local Board. The "citizens" or opposing
" group, as represented by Moeti, although admitting
" the qualities of Mqubuli as a teacher, object to his
" dictatorial methods in this location, and now appear
" to have found a lever for his removal."

Yours sincerely,


MANAGER.

MJ/CRJ

1-2 JUN 1942

Location Advisory Boards' Congress, South Africa
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29TH MAY, 1942.

Senator J.D. Rheinallt Jones,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Sir,

re-Native Teachers as members of Native Advisory Boards.

I beg to inform you that the following Circular letter from the Secretary of the Transvaal Education Department (Native Branch), Pretoria, has been sent to all Superintendents of Native Schools as well as to the Principals of these schools in the Transvaal :-

(Circular Minute No. 6 of 1942, dated 4th March, 1942).

" I am directed to inform you that the Department
" is not prepared to allow any teacher to take
" part in an election for a seat on a Municipal
" Advisory Council.

" Teachers will not be deprived of the right
" to serve on Advisory Councils provided they
" have been nominated as members of such a
" Board by the Municipality itself ".

As the contents of this circular letter will hit the membership of Native Advisory Boards in the Transvaal hard, more especially in the smaller dorps, where it is almost the Native teacher who has any intelligence of local matters, is it not possible to have the contents of this circular delayed for some time.

The majority of the delegates that attend the Annual Sessions of the Location Advisory Boards' Congress, South Africa, are teachers.

I have written on similar lines to Prof. Hoernle, as he represents the Transvaal African Teachers Association in the Advisory Board in Native Education in the Province.

Yours faithfully,


GENERAL SECRETARY.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

No.A.9/302

Department of Native Affairs,

P.O. Box 384,

PRETORIA.

23.9.1942.

Mr H.H.Lekhethoa,
Hofmeyr High School,
Atteridgeville,
PRETORIA.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 25th Ultimo, I have to inform you that African Teachers in Secondary, High and Training Schools are eligible to participate in the Good Service Allowance Scheme in addition to Teachers in Primary Schools. Owing to a misunderstanding, the Transvaal Education Department was under the impression that African Teachers in Primary schools only were eligible, but arrangements have now been made to include all African Teachers in the four Provinces in the scheme. In view of the foregoing, the question of the adoption of the Orange Free State Scales of salaries, therefore, falls away.

With regard to the third paragraph of your letter, I must point out that while this Department makes funds available to the Provincial administrations towards the financing of Native Education, the Provincial Administrations have been entrusted with the administration of Native Education and while I am very sympathetic towards the general needs of Native Education, I am afraid that no good purpose would be served by my granting an interview, and any representations which you may wish to make should be directed to the correct quarters, i.e., to the Transvaal Education Department,

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) D.L. SMIT

SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.

P.T.O.

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HOWLAND HIGH SCHOOL,
Atteridgeville,
Pretoria.
29.8.1942.

The Secretary
FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS,
P.O. 384,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by a body of African Teachers representative of all African Teachers engaged in Secondary, High and Training School work in the Transvaal to request you to grant them an interview on a Saturday convenient to you.

The object of the interview will be:-

- (a) To make a plea for the extension of the Good Service Allowance to Teachers in this sphere as in the Cape Province OR alternatively
- (b) To plead for the adoption of the Orange Free State Scales of salaries in lieu of the G.S.A. by the Transvaal.
- (c) To plead for a gradual removal of certain disabilities suffered by African teachers in the Transvaal e.g. recognition of past services in the event of obtaining higher qualifications as is the practice in the Cape.

A short memorandum will be submitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(SGD.) HERBERT H. LEKHEHOA.

P.T.O

Prof. R. Hoernle,
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Milner Park,
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(For your information)

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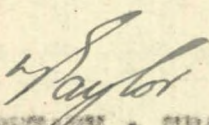
Sir,

NATIVE EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD - AGENDA.

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed to inform you that it has been noted with regret that the Executive of the Transvaal African Teachers' Association is not prepared to discuss with representatives of the Education Department matters which will be dealt with by the Advisory Board.

As the Advisory Board is expected to advise the Department on all matters of importance this decision of the Transvaal African Teachers' Association means in effect that the Association does not consider it desirable that its representatives should discuss professional matters with the officials of the Department. This probably also accounts for the fact that the practice of inviting representatives of the Education Department to attend the annual conference of the Transvaal African Teachers' Association has been discontinued.

I am,
Your obedient servant,


SECRETARY : TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Mr. H.L. Maserano,
The General Secretary,
Transvaal African Teachers' Association,
Kilnerton Institution,
Private Bag,
PRETORIA.

GvdL.15.9.1942.

SECTION D, No 80.

The life and interests of Mrs Bennett and her daughters were somewhat varied in character and general outlook.

Mrs Bennett's business in life was to get her daughters married to wealthy men, and her life's pleasure was visiting and gossip. She was never really satisfied unless some choice tit-bit of gossip could be discussed.

Although a snob, she was withal a common person, and could consider the fact that her neighbours were better than she, by virtue of their having more that she had. Three of her daughters Lydia, Mary, Jane, and Kitty, were very much like their mother. Lydia's and Kitty's great interest in life were the arrivals of regimentals. Lydia revelled in these periodic arrivals & eventually she & Mary got married to soldiers. Mary the only musician in the family really applied herself to her art, and was recognised by the whole family.

Elizabeth and Jane were

All communications must be addressed to the Secretary, The Transvaal Education Department.



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THE TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
TRANSSVAALSE ONDERWYSDEPARTEMENT,

P.O. BOX 432. 5611
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PRETORIA, 18-10-1911

Sir,

Native Education - Award of bursaries.

I am directed herewith to enclose for your information and comments the copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Orange Free State Advisory Board for Native Education in which his Board make certain proposals in regard to an alteration in the basis on which bursaries are awarded to students attending courses at Native Schools and Institutions. The suggestion, in short, is to make these bursaries repayable by students after completion of their course and the Native Affairs Department is only prepared to approve of the scheme if all four Provinces are willing to adopt it.

When replying will you also definitely state whether you are in favour of the proposal or not.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

SECRETARY, TRANSVAAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR NATIVE EDUCATION.

Prof. R. Hoernle,
Witwatersrand University,
Milner Park, JOHANNESBURG.

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