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DEPARTEMENT VAN VOLKSGESONDHEID,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,

P.O. Box 386,                      PRETORIA.

4/5/34

Dear Professor Jones,

Report of the Inter-departmental Committee  
on Native Medical Education.

With reference to our conversation, I wired to  
the Secretary at Capetown as follows :-

"Any objection giving Rheinallt Jones copy inter-  
departmental report Native Medical Education  
for confidential information. Jones entirely  
favours scheme outlined by Minister and wishes  
to speak in support at South African General  
Missionary Conference in Johannesburg;"

and have received the following reply :-

"No objection but course should not be spoken of  
as a five year course but rather as one invol-  
ving three years professional study at Fort-hare  
and one year practical away from Fort-hare."

I now have pleasure in enclosing for your confid-  
ential information a copy of the report in question.

*E.H. Cluver*

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*h.c.s.*

Professor Rheinallt Jones,  
P.O. Box 1176,  
Johannesburg.

July 10th, 1935.

Rev. Father O. Victor, C.R.,  
The Priory,  
Rosettenville,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Father Victor,

I do not know if you are yet back from Southern Rhodesia, but a letter to you on certain points in connection with your Mission's medical work is long overdue.

I send per the same post a map indicating the present mission stations in the Union where medical and/or nursing facilities are available. Those of your Mission in red; the others in black.

To these, of course, should be added the urban or cottage hospitals which have Non-European wards. My information on these is not quite up to date, but I have it in mind to complete it as soon as possible, and of course, the mine hospitals of which you know and the Natal sugar plantation hospitals on which I have not as yet full information.

Not by any means all, even of the mission hospitals, undertake the training of Non-European nurses though as you know I give much of my energies to the preaching of the necessity for that training.

I had the opportunity in May of visiting Kuruman and going out to see Matron Gordon's hospital at Bathlaros. She is doing excellent work there in the desert. I hope that helpful Government grants will be forthcoming.

I should like to draw your attention (if you have not already studied the Clauses) to Sections 13, 14 and 15 of the Act 57 of 1935 (to amend Public Health Act).

- There -

There are two problems on which I am working at present, and on which I should like to bespeak your help and advice.

1. I was much distressed when I was in Southern Rhodesia by the lack of co-operation which almost amounted to antagonism between Mission and Government medical services. I had a longish talk with the Rev. A. Louw, Jr. at Morgenster (Secretary of the Southern Rhodesian Missionary Conference) on the subject, and at his request prepared some notes for his use in talking over the matter with his Executive. I should like you to see a copy of those later on when you are here sometime (when you get back please suggest yourself for a sandwich lunch when you care).

In the meantime, I am collecting what notes I can on Mission medical and nursing work in Southern Rhodesia, and I should be very glad if you could tell me what the position is at Bonda.

2. I am very frequently asked to find training hospitals for Non-European girls who want to take up nursing as a profession, and certainly more are coming forward than we can get into existing hospitals. The Transvaal is particularly short of Mission training hospitals - full training and simpler. I am very sorry indeed that Miss Skinner's work has rather broken down in the country districts round Pietersburg for I had hoped that that might be the nucleus of a new training hospital or nursing home somewhere out from there. But, after all, Elim, Bochem, Donal Fraser and Burgher are available in the North.

Here are some vacant spots where there is very great need of the service for the people, and which, therefore, would make good training centres too:

a. Western Transvaal - Zeerust. I have always felt that your Mission there would be an ideal spot. At present, however, it is used as a Mission House, but if Lydenburg were the Mission House again, Zeerust would be a very good centre.

Other Missions who might consider this area - Just possibly the Hermansburger Mission which has many stations with great need of medical work among their people.

b. Southern Transvaal - Evaton. A crying need, but for the Evaton settlement itself and for the surrounding farm country.

Other Missions - Unlikely, unless R.G.

- c. South -

c. South Eastern Transvaal - Possibly a more efficient scheme than the present Holy Rood. All the facilities are there, however, except staff.

Other Missions - Unlikely.

d. North Central Transvaal - Warmbaths or Zedediela would be very good centres.

Other Missions - Possibly Hermansburger, also the Methodists had certain schemes, but I doubt if these are likely to come to early fruition.

I wish your Mission would see its way to one more Transvaal Hospital Station.

Yours sincerely,

HONORARY ORGANISER  
WOMEN'S SECTION

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Health  
Education

24th January, 1935.

Principal Kerr,  
Fort Hare Native College,  
ALICE  
G.P.

Dear Principal Kerr,

Our Institute Non-European Health Services Committee met in Cape Town last week. Among other matters that came up was that of grants and bursaries for

- a) The five years Medical Aid course of which I understand the first year is ordinary First Year Medical at Fort Hare, the next three years special course at Fort Hare, and the last year in Durban.
- b) The six years Medical Course of which I understand the First Year Medical will be done at Fort Hare and the remaining five years overseas.

Our queries are

- 1. Does a student have to decide which course he is going to take (a) or (b) before applying for a Bursary. (I take it for a girl there would be no question; it would have to be (b))
- 2. Does the Bursary in both cases apply for the first year course at Fort Hare or does that have to be financed by the student himself?
- 3. Will the Bursaries be liberal enough after the first year to cover fare, tuition and maintenance for those proceeding overseas?
- 4. Do the "Medical Bursaries" cover all expenses of the course or will the student have to provide a certain amount?
- 5.

We frequently have queries from parents and teachers as to possibilities and naturally a good deal of the planning has to be done before Matriculation stage so any information will help.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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