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13th March 1942.

Mrs Rheinallt Jones,
Race Relations Institute,
University.

Dear Mrs Rheinallt Jones,

In studying the plans for the proposed Residence for African students, it has been suggested that we should make provision for a proportion of African Women Students. This can be done by altering the plans but whilst such modification would be an improvement in some ways, there would be less accommodation. I should however welcome your views on the question whether we should house both women and men in the same Residence. There would of course be a definite cut-off between the two sections.

The only thing which is now holding us back is the sewerage arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

H. R. Raikes

H. R. Raikes
Principal

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MEDICAL SCHOOL,
HOSPITAL STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

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25th March, 1942.

Mrs E. Rheinallt Jones,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Johannesburg.

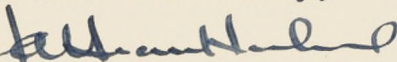
Dear Mrs Rheinallt Jones,

Further to your letter of the 4th February, in which you enquire as to the possibilities of Mr T.W. Phaleng's being exempted from the first year of study for the degree of M.B., B.Ch., on the grounds of having completed the Medical-Aid course, the matter was discussed in Faculty and it was resolved to take up the general question as to what exemptions could be granted to candidates who have the Medical-Aid qualification.

I have written to the Principal of Fort Hare and will resubmit the matter to Faculty when his opinion is available.

I shall keep you informed of any developments in this connection.

Yours faithfully,


J.A.H. van Niekerk,
Assistant Registrar.

7-6-4171.

Medical
Prof.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones.

215, Baron Street
Lady Selborne
Pretoria

27. May 1942

Dear Madam

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 21st May and posted 23. May. Reaching me only yesterday.

My son was here since Saturday afternoon

the 16th May and went back Wednesday night 20th May. He wished very much to see you but not being certain of your whereabouts could not make the trouble of going to Florida, his time being also limited.

He has gone back to his work with troubled mind but will continue on till the end of the year if possible till the end of November if by then he could be able to be promised a bussary to go back for further studies in January 1943.

The request made to you by me was just to beg your help in order that you may by quiet working up you may find him some out let out of trouble and that without causing any trouble between the people he intends to make no trouble as he expected all the best support from them. though things seems to be the other way round.

We all look up to you for wise advice and help on the matter, we will be very grateful to you if a door could be found for him in the near future for entry into the Wits University for full medical course.

As for his sister she has just been taken back as from 1st June all her applications on that effect being already handed in with medical Certificate. She is even here as I write, and brought her baby here for care during her service in the Health Department.

I thank you with all my heart for the interest in my family. it's only a pity that her letter after ~~the~~ Father Woodfield's advice does not seem to have reached you. for she is a Registered Nurse and midwife and Modderfontein would have been admirable as it is within our reach when ever we want to see her and near her husband who resides at Orlando.

I am going to write to Theodore and tell him of the trouble you took to go and see him and your unfortunateness in missing him.

Greetings ^{to} you all.
your very sincere

W. M. Phalen

P.S.
my letter has not been returned yet.
are you still longer in need of it?

Helen Franz Hospital,
P.O. Bochem,
via Vietersburg.
21/5/42

Mrs E. Rheinallt-Jones,
P.O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mrs Rheinallt-Jones,
Thank you
ever so much for your letter which I received
soon after I had taken up duties here at
Bochem. I was very much pleased to see
that you were quite in agreement with the
decision I had made concerning my work
and my desire to take up training for the
full medical course. Please pardon me for
having delayed so long before answering
your letter. The only reason I have for
it is that I was trying to get settled
down in my work & I thought it unwise
to write and tell you about what I am
doing at present before I had noted
everything connected with it. I think I am
now in a position to tell exactly how
& what I'm doing out here.

It is very disappointing indeed to find, as most of us aids do, that on leaving MS Lords Hospital and taking up duties at various places, ~~that~~ things turn out to be very different from what ^{we} have always expected while undergoing training. Our lack of a definite status in the medical field, the ignorance of the district surgeons as to the type of training we have had, the apparently indifferent attitude the authorities of the Public Health Department have taken to our pleas for recognition, made indirectly perhaps, through Fort Hare and the general controversy ^{between} the people at the head of affairs as to what should actually be done with this question of the medical aids are all contributory factors to the present uncertain state of affairs. Different doctors take different attitudes towards the scheme of medical aids & in spite of the training one has had one often finds oneself being treated as if one were an ordinary orderly or boy for odd jobs here & there, with the result that even the nurses begin to think they can say anything to us & order us about & treat us as inferiors.

I like my work even though I am not allowed to do most of the things covered by my training. The taking of temperatures, the giving out of medicines etc are things that should be done by nurses as they are trained expressly for such work. What we do at present has very little resemblance, if any at all, to the type of work that we were supposed to be doing according to the scheme as laid down at the onset & it is not at all surprising to find that not one of the Aids is satisfied with the state of affairs.

At present each medical aid is at the mercy of the doctor under whom he works & the doctor's attitude will depend upon the views he holds as regards the Medical Aid scheme.

I was worked up to such a pitch of disgust a couple of weeks ago that I was on the point of making sending in my resignation, but after talking things over with my parents and having an unofficial discussion with D. E. Gale of the Union Health Dept. I decided it would be in the best interests to myself, as regards my plans for the future, that I leave matters as they are

and just do the work given to me in silence, and at the same time ignore all the unpleasant incidents connected with it.

At present I work seven days a week at the rate of between 12-15 hours a day. I get no days-off. I have not complained about that. In fact I don't mind it so much.

I am constantly being accused of certain things in connection with ^{my} work, which have never been proved but are merely taken for granted by the authorities, who take no trouble to go into matters and find out the truth. The accusations are based entirely on false reports made by unfriendly co-workers. At times I cannot help feeling that my services are not ~~required~~ ^{required} in this place.

However I am going to stick right here in Bochem in spite of everything else & I only pray that the report that will be ^{made} about me i.e. character, work etc. etc. when my time for leaving this place comes, will contain the ~~the~~ truth and nothing but that.

I am finding it very rather difficult to do justice to my studies as I have hardly any free time except the

evenings, when there is nothing very serious in the wards. I have had to take Matriculation Chemistry & Physics for the sake of having a good foundation for the B.Sc. work and also because the U.C.C. was unable to give me those courses as prescribed for the 1st-year B.Sc. There are ^{no} laboratory facilities whatsoever in this place. If I had been stationed at Victoria Hospital I would take advantage of the Fort-Hesse laboratory which is only a matter of 15 minutes walk from the hospital.

Arthur Letele tells me they are kept working at full pressure at the Witwatersrand. I have not heard from Mary. I believe she does not find any time for correspondence owing to the pressure of work.

I do hope they will all do well in their half-yearly examinations. Please remember me to them. I shall be very pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience & please pardon me for this seemingly amending letter which has taken so much of your valuable time.

I am

Yours sincerely,
T. W. Phalanga

P.S. I am enclosing
this letter from Dr Taylor.
The first paragraph might
be of interest to you.
W. H. Hale

Helen Franz Hospital
Bochem.

Petersburg.

31/5/42

Mrs E. Rheinall-Jones
University of the Witwatersrand.
Johannesburg.

Dear Mrs Rheinall-Jones,

I have just received a letter from my father in which he tells me that you called at Bochem on your way home from Sibara & found me away on leave. It's very surprising that I did not hear on my return that there ~~was~~ had been some one who wanted to see me. Did you get as far as the hospital.

I thought I would be able to meet at the University during my leave, but I had from my uncle in Potgietersrust that you were not at home, so I gave up the idea of going as far as the Rand.

I would have been pleased to see you & have a talk with you, unfortunately I was away.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
W. H. Hale

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March 11th, 1942.

Mr. T. W. Phaleng,
Helen Franz Hospital,
P. O. Bochum, Pietersburg.

Please return this letter.

Dear Phaleng,

Thanks for your recent letter. You men are all very much in my thoughts during these difficult days. It is disappointing that the work for which you were trained, and in which I personally feel you would have done well, is not going to be given you. However, as the French say, 'it is the war'. Undoubtedly had there been no war, things might have been different.

The new Medical Aids, - 11 of them - have arrived and appear to be settling in nicely. Dr. Farren went away on holiday immediately after their arrival so they are eating here for the month at the hospital. The Government did its best to send them to Umtata or somewhere else but in the end had to fall back on the rather questionable teaching at McCords!

A letter from Mota today says that he has resigned for the purpose of study. He I believe wants to go on and take up medicine. My impression is that he will find the work difficult.

Everybody is well in the hospital, tired somewhat of the prolonged heat. The four men seem to be kept busy. I don't see them often.

Yours sincerely,

A. Blay.

Medical Superintendent.

People complain that we are being taught "too much" at Fort Hare + McCords! Umtata; they thought would be moderate in that respect.

T.W.P.

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3rd June, 1942.

Mrs E. B. Jones,
South African Institute of Race Relations,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mrs Jones,

I have your letter of 27th May with reference to the position of Mr Theodore Phaleng, Medical Aid.

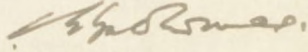
As preliminary to an approach to the Medical Council, the Faculty of Medicine made enquiries of the authorities of the South African Native College, regarding the standard of instruction and examination in the Medical Aid examinations. At the meeting of the Board of the Faculty on 18th May it was noted:-

- (a) that information had been received from Fort Hare that, in the first year of study, medical-aid students attended the same classes and did the same work as required of students who presented themselves for the first-year examinations of the University of South Africa, but that, except where a medical-aid student presented himself for the University of South Africa examinations, the standard of examination was undoubtedly lower.
- (b) that the authorities at Fort Hare had expressed the opinion that no medical-aid student should be exempted from the first year of the medical course unless he had passed the first-year B.Sc. examinations of the University of South Africa.

In view of this expression of opinion the Faculty is not proceeding with its application to the Medical Council for permission to recognise the Medical Aid examinations.

Mr Phaleng, having attended the Medical Aid courses, is qualified to present himself for the first year B.Sc. examinations of the University of South Africa, without further attendance. However, in view of the length of time since he did his first year it would probably be inadvisable for him to attempt the examinations without first doing at least some revision work at Fort Hare.

Yours sincerely,


I. Glyn Thomas,
Registrar

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SENATOR 16th June , 1942.

You intended to discuss this
correspondence with Mrs. Jones, and
I notice that Mr. Phaleng has asked
for the return of his son's letter.

typed 13/5/42
Senator M.L.

Med. Prof

Reverend Wm. Chalens,
215 Bann St,
Ladyselboone,
Victoria

Dear Mohanti,

~~My wife Mrs~~

James is away in the
Petersburg & Letaka Districts
+ so I have opened your
letter to her. I will be
tell you that I will
discuss the matter with
her when she returns this
week end. Please tell

you are not to do anything
foolish or hasty. It is ^{always} a
mistake to throw up a
job until the new way
is really open.

I do hope your
health is better

~

Mr. Rheinallt Jones.

215j Baron Street
Lady Selborne
Pretoria.

Dear madame,

5.5.42.

It is with deep sorrow that I write you this letter. The reason or cause of which sorrow you will see in the enclosed letter from Theodore.

Now my reason for writing this letter is an appeal to you to find a way for Theodore out of trouble, which may as it appears happen at any unexpected time.

The help should in all probability be given in two ways.

1. By finding him a door through a bursar into his intended and aimed for studies in Fort Hare or the Witwatersrand University for full medical or alternatively
 2. Finding him a job wherein he could still stick out for the duration of this year, as soon as he can get his tendered resignation excepted. For I see no reason for him to continue in that Hospital, I should persuade him to be patient if the trouble was only concerned with the nurse and touching no higher official. He will always be in a trap, so please, help to divert the danger, and return the letter as soon as you have given it a good thought of made, typed out a copy for thought. The Senator may also help you.
- Your very obedient servant W. M. Phaleng

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18th June, 1942.

Mrs E. Rheinallt Jones,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mrs Rheinallt Jones,

Further to my letter of 25th March, regarding the possibility of exempting Mr T.W. Phaleng from the first year of study for the degree of M.B., B.Ch., I have to inform you that the Board of the Faculty of Medicine has decided that no exemptions can be granted to students who have completed the Medical-Aid course or even a portion thereof at Fort Hare, unless the candidate has passed in examinations of the University of South Africa for the completion of such courses.

The Faculty arrived at this decision on the strength of the recommendation submitted by the authorities at Fort Hare, who are of the opinion that the standard of the courses and the examinations for the Medical-Aid courses are lower than those prescribed by the University of South Africa for external students.

Yours sincerely,

J.A.H. van Niekerk
J.A.H. van Niekerk,
Assistant Registrar.

215 Baron St

Lady Selborne
Pretoria.

13.5.42.

Dear Madame.

About a month ago Lt Woodfield advised me to write to my daughter Georgina about a Cretche for which you suggested to employ her if she is still free and I wrote to her advising her to write to you at once which she tells me she did and she has been waiting to hear from you and cannot make out why she can't get an answer.

She has now asked me to write to you and ask you to write and give her particulars about that work and where situated.

She is very anxious to do something as she was told there was no vacancy in the Health Department at present.

I hope you received my letter about Willie a little while ago.

Yours respectively

W. M. Phalang

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215, Baron Street
Lady Selborne
Pretoria

Mrs. E. Rheinallt-Jones.
P.O. Box 97.
Johannesburg.

1st Sept 1942.

Dear madame.

I have been very anxious to hear whether you have been successful in finding a bursary for Theodore.

He is very anxious to leave and in fact his time have been already wasted as the time of study is not a matter of weeks or months but years.

And I see no more chance for persuading him to stick it or be steady. but only wish I had power to send and pull him through the University, at least Fort Hare.

I respectfully ask you not to forget him in your walks of business.

Yours respectfully.

W. M. Chaleng

Informed Phaleng 9/7/42

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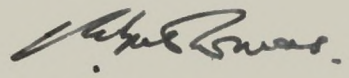
5th September, 1942

Mrs E. B. Jones,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mrs Jones,

I have your letter of 3rd September with reference to the position of Medical Aid Theodore Phaleng. I have discussed the matter with the Principal who expresses the opinion that Phaleng must go to Fort Hare for his first year and would of course be eligible for one of the first year bursaries which are available there.

Yours sincerely,



I. Glyn Thomas,
Registrar

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