

20th September, 1940.

The Revd. Canon S. P. Woodfield,
No. 179, Proes Street,
PRETORIA.

W. C. M.

Dear Canon Woodfield,

Re: Native Advisory Board.

If I were a Member of this Board I would move two unopposed motions:

1. That this Board desires to thank the Department for allowing Teachers to attend their Church Synods on full pay; or some such words as these, as this is the first year this has been allowed.
2. That this Board thanks the Department for the provisions allowed in circular No. E.12/30642 undated, whereby Churches are allowed to set their own Scripture examinations.

And having thanked them twice, I would then attack them on their unprofessional method of administering the equipment grant of £18,000 on the following lines:

- (a) It is hopeless to leave instructions in the hands of the Circuit Inspectors as these are very human people who may err, and it is quite untrue to say all the Inspectors know the conditions in their circuits.
- (b) No instructions have been issued out to Superintendents as to what articles fall inside this equipment grant.
- (c) That it is unfair to deduct the rent grant paid for classrooms from the equipment grant of that school, as this money may have been borrowed, so that the rent grant does not go to the school, but to the person who lent the money.
- (d) For what reason was the equipment grant paid to Brakpan Municipal School on a rate six times as large as the rate for ordinary Mission Schools? And the Department took into consideration the fact that the rent grant was not paid being paid to that School, and, therefore, did not deduct it from the equipment grant as they do with Mission Schools. This Brakpan is not a new School but has been registered in the books of the Department for 12 years. What happened to all their old equipment which they have been using all that time?

- (e) Then as regards Secondary Schools, why does the Secondary School at Kilnerton receive almost three times as large a grant as the Secondary School at Pietersburg, although Pietersburg is the older and larger school? If the reply is: 'We have given Pietersburg all they asked for,' then my reply is that the Department gave Pietersburg no guidance on what basis they were to apply for this grant, which is true of every superintendent in the Transvaal. No departmental letter has been sent out on this subject. Are we all to bluff the Department as they bluff us?

Yours very sincerely,

S. Carter

Grants vary normally from £10 Equip: grant per classroom to £60 Equip: grant per classroom: while one school got just 50/- grant.

where school buildings have to serve for classrooms as no other lands are available. There is no equip: grant made, as laid down in the book of regulations for Superintendents.

Community of the Resurrection.

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The Priory,
Rosettenville,
Johannesburg.

23rd September, 1940.

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

Dear Professor Hoernle,

I beg to enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to Canon Woodfield as I am no longer a member of the Native Advisory Board. Our Church has ^{to} alternate between the dioceses of Pretoria and Johannesburg. No doubt, this will tend to peace on the Board. But I cannot refrain from saying that I have no use for the secret methods employed by the Transvaal Education Department to-day, as it is simply asking for trouble. Why they should not have told the Superintendents outright, the full conditions about this equipment grant beats me. And it leads to the thought that not all Churches are being treated in the same manner, as indeed they are not.

I am supported in my view by Miss MacGillivray, ex-Inspectress of the Transvaal Education Department, who visits our Schools four times a week, but it requires a lot of stupid details, to really bring this home to the Transvaal Education Department.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Stephen Cate

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