

SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS SICK FUND.

APPOINTMENT OF SALARIED PHYSIOTHERAPIST :
UITENHAGE.

Applications are invited from duly registered Physiotherapists for the position of Physiotherapist at Uitenhage at a salary of £300 per annum and with the right of private practice.

The salary will be subject to adjustment in accordance with the census of members to be taken on April 1 of each year.

The appointment will be made in terms of the Regulations of the Fund, and will be subject to termination on four months' notice being given by either side.

The successful applicant will be required to reside at Uitenhage, to take up the appointment on a date to be arranged, and to carry out the duties in accordance with the regulations of the Fund.

Applications should reach the District Secretary, Cape Midland District Sick Fund Board, 116 Mutual Arcade, Port Elizabeth, not later than 15th March, 1951, and should state applicant's full name, qualifications and experience (where and when obtained), date and country of birth, married or single, whether fully bilingual, whether Union National and what Government appointment, if any, is held.

Canvassing by or on behalf of any applicant is liable to disqualify such applicant.

Any further particulars required may be obtained from the District Secretary at the above address, on application.

P. J. KLEM,
General Secretary.

JOHANNESBURG, The Closing Date for Applications
November, 1950. has been extended to the
31st MARCH, 1951.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE CARE OF
CRIPPLES.

ORTHOPAEDIC SISTER TUTOR.

Applications are invited for the post of Teaching Sister in Orthopaedic Nursing (a twelve months course for graduate nurses).

Applicants must hold, in addition to a medical and surgical nursing certificate, a recognised Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing, and should have adequate practical experience in Orthopaedics — including the conduction of Clinics.

A full statement of qualifications and experience should be submitted, as well as certified copies of, at least three recent testimonials, of Birth or Baptismal Certificate, and of Diploma Certificates.

The successful candidate will be required to submit a medical certificate of good health; and must be able to drive a car.

State earliest date for assuming duty.

Salary Scale : £450 x 20 — 550, plus prescribed cost of living allowance.

Applications should reach the Secretary, National Council for the Care of Cripples, 805/807 Ingram's Corner, Cor. Twist & Kotze Streets, Hillbrow, Johannesburg, not later than the 31st March, 1951.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APPLICATION FOR SALARY INCREASE.

In regard to the Editorial in "Physiotherapy" of October, 1950, the following facts should be of interest.

The Physiotherapy Staff of the Johannesburg General Hospital applied for an increase of salary in March, 1950, our application being supported by Dr. Haden, Head of the Department of Physical Medicine, who received a reply not acceding to our request at the moment and inviting further views.

In order to relieve the situation Dr. Haden obtained permission from the Provincial Administration to recruit ten Physiotherapists from Britain and the Secretary of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy was approached. But the salary did not attract certain aspirants who would have applied under better conditions.

As the position continued to deteriorate owing to further resignations of the Staff who secured more remunerative positions elsewhere we again made an attempt to obtain an increase in salary and called a representative meeting of the Physiotherapy Staff. At this meeting a memorandum was drafted and, inter alia, the following facts were stressed:—

- (a) The necessity for an immediate increase in salary.
- (b) More time being taken up by additional and altered methods of treatment.
- (c) The unattractiveness of a career entailing lengthy and costly training holding out little prospect of adequate remuneration.

In October, 1950, Dr. Haden sent in the memorandum referred to above with a strong and emphatic recommendation for its favourable consideration.

I would point out that the policy of recruiting staff for the Physiotherapy Departments from the Continent of Europe was instituted by the Provincial Administration.

MISS J. M. D. CROSBY, M.C.S.P.

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ELECTRO-THERAPY IN GERMANY.

If our information is correct that Electro-Therapy is not a qualification obtained by the Trainee in Germany, as Electrical treatments are given by a Doctor and only left under the observation of the Masseuse, and it has been deemed advisable to give a short course of instruction in Electro-Therapy, plus one demonstration of Long Wave Diathermy and Kromayer Ultra Violet Light treatments, then:—

(1) What is the necessity of taking a four course at the Witwatersrand University to obtain a degree in Physiotherapy or a three years' course in Pretoria to qualify for a Diploma, or, at much extra expense, to go overseas to become a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy?

(2) What is the need to be registered with the South African Medical Council either as a Masseur or Physiotherapist?

(3) Why isn't the professional status of the Physiotherapist accorded the same protection as other members of the Medical Profession?

Signed : "INTERESTED."