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Application for Employment as ~~Matron or Nurse~~ in the Colonies.

To be filled up by the Applicant herself, and sent to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State, Colonial Office, London, by the Colonial Nursing Association.

Full name of Applicant: Ellen Ronald Brown
Date of Application: May 19th 1905
Address or Occupation: 4 Winton Green, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, N. B.
No. of this form: 17562

Name: John Ritchie Brown M. D. J. P.
Profession or Occupation: Surgeon & Oculist
Address: _____

Has he had his Name and Profession certified to be given: _____

Age and year of birth: 34 years 8 1/2
Place of birth: Saltcoats
Single, married, or a widow: Single
Number of children: Sons _____ Daughters _____
Aged respectively: _____

Education:
High School Academy - Ayrshire
Fairhope Richmond Surrey - 1885-1887
Western Infirmary Glasgow - 1897-1900
Lancashire General Hospital - 1900-1905
Certificated Nurse - Certificate from Western Infirmary Glasgow 1900 - Cert of Royal Margaret Hospital Aldershot Lond. Obs. Soc. Cert. 1905 Registered under Cert. Mid. Board.

Trained in Western Infirmary Glasgow as Nurse - Certified March 1900.
Nursing Sister of R. N. S. & with Scottish National Red Cross Hospital S. A. Hospital handed over to government & sent brought home Dec. 1900
Nursing Sister at Military Hospital Colchester 1901-1902
Nursing Sister at Military Hospital Aldershot 1905.

British East Africa & Nombala Gov. Hosp.

Signature: _____
Date: _____

Reference
 1. Name
 Address
 Occupation
 2. Name
 Address
 Occupation

1. Name *Miss Beesley*
 Address *Louisa Margaret Hospital
 Aldershot*
 Occupation *Matron*
 2. Name *Dr. James Gaff*
 Address *160 Kennington Road
 S.E.*
 Occupation *Verifying Factory Surgeon
 Board of Sanitary*

Testimonials.

Give the name, address and occupation of the writer of each of your testimonials. Copies certified by the Colonial Association must be sent for record in the Colonial Office. The Copies may be either in MS. or in printed form, but should be absolutely trustworthy that they should be on foolscap paper not larger than 10 inches by 6 inches.

(171) Sir Hector C. Cameron, Professor of Clinical Surgery,
 The University of Glasgow - 200 Bath Street
 Glasgow
 (172) Miss Green, The Matron of the Western Dispensary,
 100, Green Street, Southsea, Portsmouth.
 (173) Miss Green, Principal Matron & A.S.
 Matron's Staff, Victoria - S. I.
 (174) Colonel R. M. Ellis R. A. M. C. & R. S. S. S.

References

Give the name and address of two references. The people to whom you refer should be either in private life or professionally, and one at least should be well acquainted with you in private life. The names of distinguished persons should not be given unless they really know you well.

1 Name Miss Beechey
Address Louise Margaret Hospital
Aldershot

Occupation Malron

2 Name Dr. James Gaff
Address 160 Kensington Road
S.E.

Occupation Verifying Factory Surgeon
Borough of Lambeth

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Dr. Lewis C. Cameron Professor of Clinical Surgery
in the University of Bristol, 200 Bath Street
Bristol

Miss Newson, late mission of the W. A. M. S. P. C. M.
at present in residence at Broadland, Newmouth.

Miss Lee - Aunt A. C. Francis Malron & Co.
Administrators Staff, Victoria - S. I.

Mr. H. M. Lee A. C. Francis Malron & Co.
Administrators Staff, Victoria - S. I.

300 Bath Street,

GLASGOW, 28th June, 1905



Nurse Ellen Ronald Brown acted for considerably over two years in my Ward in the Western Infirmary, and I have reason to know that she is in every respect a thoroughly well qualified and excellent nurse.

She is intelligent, kind and reliable in all her dealings with patients and may be trusted to carry out and well all instructions and orders she receives from the Medical Attendants.

I can recommend her with confidence to any one wishing the services of a good nurse.

(Signed) Hector G. Cameron,

Professor of Clinical
Surgery in the
University of Glasgow.

27th February, 1908.

I have pleasure in stating that Miss E. S. Brown received her training in the wards of the Western Infirmary Glasgow. I believe Miss Brown to be thoroughly efficient, capable and a trustworthy Nurse; kind, and thoughtful for her patients, as well as punctual in the carrying out of her orders.

I have confidence in recommending Miss Brown for a position of responsibility.

(Signed) Susan Teasdale.

Late Matron of the
Western Infirmary,
Glasgow.

1908

I have pleasure in stating that Miss E. H. Brown
has been in the service of the Western Infirmary
since the 1st of November 1908 until the present date.
She is a most conscientious and painstaking in every way.
She understands her work as a Nursing Sister, both as regards
the nursing of her patients and the management of her ward.
She is careful in carrying out any instructions
given her and consults the wishes of those under whom she
serves.

(Signed) G. H. Kear,
Principal Matron,
T. A. I. M. V. S.

Colchester,

27th March, 1908.

I have known Miss E. H. Brown, A. N. S. R., since
November 1908 until the present date.

It gives me pleasure to state that I have ever
found her most conscientious and painstaking in every way.
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COLONIAL NURSES.

STATEMENT for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and for record in Colonial Office, respecting Miss L. Ronald Parsons
an applicant for the post of Matron in the Colony of Natal

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. Are you good enough to state how long you have been acquainted with the applicant?

1. From July 1894 to April 1895 when I left on my way to Natal in South Africa in which I was Matron in the Scotch Hospital.

2. Under what circumstances does your knowledge of her arise?

2. When she was Night Superintendent in this Hospital - then for five months she was on my staff in South Africa.

3. Have you been acquainted with her - and also
a. her character?
b. her education?
c. generally well conducted?

Yes
Yes
Yes

4. Is her health good?

Yes

5. Has she been employed under you, will you state the nature of her duties, and how she discharged them?

5. Nurse & Sister in charge of Ward - to my entire satisfaction.

6. Do you state the cause of her leaving - whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

6. Left Western to go to South Africa as one of the Army Reserve nurses.
[Sign over.]

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. Do you consider her to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment to the non-graduate?

7. *Yes.*

2. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for such an appointment?

8. *No.*

3. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting her character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

9. *I consider Miss E. Ronald to be a very good nurse - two years I worked with her & she was a Ward Sister. I think that for herself - of course I have not worked with her since left - have kept in touch with her - have a high opinion of her as a woman - She comes of a good as we say on the health.*

Signature *E. C. Shannon R.R.C.*

Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c. *Matron*

Address *Western Infirmary, Glasgow*

Date *March 1st 1908*

COLONIAL NURSES

STATEMENT for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and for record in Colonial Office, respecting *Miss E. Ronald Shannon* an applicant for the post of *Nurse* in the *Colonial Hospital East Africa* *Nairobi Government Hospital*

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. How long have you known the applicant?

1. From *November 23rd 1906* to *February 23rd 1908*

2. Under what circumstances and your knowledge of her?

2. *She acted as midwife pupil in the Hospital for a period of two years & was under my personal observation during this time.*

3. How long were you acquainted with her was she a. honest? b. sober? c. generally well conducted?

3. *Yes*
Yes
Always

4. Is her health good?

4. *Yes, excellent. She is of robust constitution.*

5. Has she been employed under you, will you state the nature of her duties, and how she discharged them?

5. *I personally attend women during their confinement & nurse them for fourteen days afterwards. Her duties were always performed to my entire satisfaction.*

6. Will you state the cause of her leaving - whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

6. *She left at the termination of her engagement.*

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1 Do you consider her to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as she now desires?

Yes in every respect

2 Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for such an appointment?

None whatever.

3 The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting her character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

Mrs Brown is a woman of culture & refinement. A most capable & hard worker. I consider her thoroughly capable and should like to see her on the staff of this Hospital, but also for work in the Colony. I wish her the success.

Signature Edith W. Beesby

Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c. Matron

Address Louis Margaret Hospital
Aden

Date 17 5 05

COLONIAL NURSES.

STATEMENT for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and for record in Colonial Office, respecting Mrs E. Beesby as applicant for the post of Matron Nurse in the Colony of British East Africa

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1 How long have you known the applicant?

Since she came to Aden in the month of...

2 Under what circumstances does your knowledge of her arise?

Having been very intimate with her father & being in her father's and mother's house, and having seen her since she came to Aden...

3 How long were you acquainted with her and she?

- a. Since?
- b. When?
- c. Generally and occasionally?

4 Is her health good?

Thoroughly so

5 If she has been employed under you, will you state the nature of her duties, and how she discharged them?

No

6 If you state the cause of her leaving—whether by resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. Do you consider her to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as she may desire?

Yes

2. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for such an appointment?

No

3. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting her character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

I have always known her in a highly respectable manner & I have no doubt that she will naturally find those who may be placed in her care

Signature James D. Taff

Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c. M.D. & C.M.

Consulting Plastic Surgeon for the Borough of Lambeth

Address 160 Kensington Road

London S.W. 5

Date 27th Dec 1906

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. Do you consider her to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as she now desires?

7. Yes

2. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for such an appointment?

8. No

3. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting her character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

9. She has always behaved herself in a ladylike manner & I think her natural ability would be of great value to any one who may be pleased to employ her.

Signature *James G. Staff*
 Occupation, Professional qualifications, etc. *MD & Ch.*
Chipping Farm, Surgeon for the Borough of Lambeth
 Address *160 Kensington Road*
London S.W. 5
 Date *27th Dec 1906*

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E.H.P.
[Signature]

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20 July 1905

Dear

Madam,

I am directed by
Mr. Lewis Lytton to
inform you that, subject to
her being pronounced
physically fit for
service, he approves of
your entering into an
agreement, on the usual
conditions, with Miss
Ellen Ronald Brown
for service as a

Nursing Sister in the
East Africa Protection
Society. Miss Brown's address
is 7 Winton Crescent,
Saltcoats, Ayrshire.

2. Arrangements
should be made for

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Bolton *25/5*
- Mr. Reed *26/5/05*
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. M. [unclear]
- The Secy of Marlborough
- Mr. Lytton.

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