

ST. ANSELM HALL,

Victoria Park, Manchester, 14.

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Application for Admission.

Application for admission should be made to the Warden on this form, and should be returned to him as soon as possible.

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1.—Name in full (surname first)

DAVIDSON. GEORGE DOUGLAS GRAEME.

2.—Home Address

31 FIRST AVENUE

BLOEMFONTEIN.

O.F.S. SOUTH AFRICA.

3.—Name of Parent or ~~Guardian~~

Emma Vincent Davidson.

4.—Profession of Parent

Housewife.

5.—Date of Birth

~~14th~~ 2nd April, 1914.

6.—Date and Place of Baptism

23rd April, 1914. Bloemfontein Cathedral.

7.—Date and Place of Confirmation

August, 1928. S. Andrew's College Chapel, Grahamstown.

8.—Places of Education, with dates

President Brand School, Bloemfontein. 1922-1926.

S. Andrew's College, Grahamstown. 1927-1931.

Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg. 1932-1935.

9.—Public Examinations passed. Give particulars of subjects taken, credits or distinctions gained, &c.

University of South Africa matriculation.

Subjects: Latin (Distinction).

mathematics.

Physical Science (Distinction).

Greek.

Afrikaans.

English.

10.—Games played. State if House, School, or other Colours have been won

Rugby football.

Hockey.

Swimming.

11.—What subject do you propose to study at the University?

Electrical Engineering. [for M.Sc. (Tech).]

12.—For what University Scholarships (if any) are you competing?

13.—Do you wish to compete for one of the Hall Scholarships?

NO.

14.—In what occupation do you hope to engage after leaving the University?

Engineering.

15.—Religious Denomination (if not Church of England)

Church of the Union of South Africa

16.— Names and Addresses of not more than three persons to whom reference can be made. One of these should be the applicant's head master, house master, or tutor

A.C. WHITE. (MAYOR OF BLOEMFONTEIN).

W.W. MOSKIN.

HOUSEMASTER, ARMSTRONG HOUSE,

S. ANDREW'S COLLEGE,

GRAHAMSTOWN.

DR. O.R. RANDALL,

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPT.,

WITWATERSRAND UNIVERSITY.

17.— Signature of Parent or ~~Guardian~~

J. Davidson.

18.— Signature of Applicant

J. Davidson.

Date 17th May, 1936.

Proctor's
letter 27/1/36

31 First Avenue,
Bloemfontein,
O.F.S.
South Africa.
13th April, 1936.

The Warden,
S. Anselm Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester,
England.

Dear Sir,

I hereby beg to make application for admission to S. Anselm Hall for the session commencing in October of this year.

I obtained the degree of B. Sc. in Electrical Engineering at the Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg at the end of last year, and am desirous of proceeding to the degree of M. Sc. (Tech.) at the Manchester College of Technology.

My application to the Board of the Faculty of Technology for enrolment has still to be considered by the Senate of the University, but I am informed by the Secretary of the Board that I shall in all probability be allowed to

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proceed to the m.sc. degree.

as it will be necessary for me to make other arrangements should I be unable to obtain admission to S. Anselm Hall, I shall be greatly obliged if you will let me know at your earliest convenience whether I can be accommodated.

Yours faithfully,

G. D. G. Davidson

31 First Avenue,
Bloemfontein,
O.F.S.
South Africa.
18th May, 1926

The Warden,
S. Anselm Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester 14,
England.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith my application form for admission to S. Anselm Hall.

I should like to thank you for the prospectus which I received, and for the very prompt attention which you gave to my application.

Trusting that I shall be successful in securing admission,

I am, Sir,

yours faithfully,

J. D. G. Davidson.

31 First Avenue,
Bloemfontein,
O.F.S.
South Africa.
31st May, 1936.

The Warden,
S. Anselm Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester 14,
England.

✓ 28/6/36
Deposit asked
for.

Dear Sir,

In making application for admission to S. Anselm Hall, I stated that I had yet to await the decision of the Board of the Faculty of Technology before knowing whether I should be allowed to proceed to the degree of M.Sc. (Tech.).

I have received a letter from the Secretary of the Board, informing me that permission has been granted for me to enter upon the M.Sc. course, and, therefore, as you may be considering my application as provisional, I should like now to make it definite.

Yours faithfully,

G. D. G. Davidson.

June 3rd. 1936.

G. D. G. Davidson, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your form of application for admission to this Hall, and I have pleasure in offering you a vacancy here for next Session, which will be definitely reserved for you as soon as your Entrance Deposit of £1 is received. Under the Hall regulations this deposit is returnable by deduction from the first term's fees, but is forfeited by withdrawal prior to the commencement of the Session.

The term will commence on October 6th., and I hope that you will not hesitate to write again if there are any further points on which you would like information.

Yours very truly,

Warden.



Office of the Mayor
Kantoor van die Burgemeester
Bloemfontein

23rd June, 1936.

The Rev. The Warden,
The University of Manchester,
Victoria Park,
MANCHESTER 14.

Dear Sir,

With regard to your enquiry dated the 3rd June, and with reference to an application made by Mr. G.D.G. Davidson for admission to your University. I have known this young man all his life.

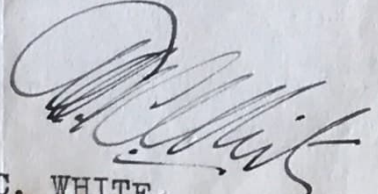
I was very well acquainted with his late father, who was a very prominent legal man in Bloemfontein, and I number among my friends his mother and three sisters, who are all residents in this City.

- (a) Mentally he is very alert and studious to a degree.
- (b) He has not starred in athletics to my knowledge. He played a little rugby and a little tennis. Socially he will be very acceptable and popular with young fellows of his age. He will undoubtedly settle down very happily in his new surroundings, and will be a definite acquisition in furthering the wellbeing of your Institution.
- (c) I have not heard one word of reproach regarding his moral character.

He is a very upright and clean living lad and I can say with confidence that you will have no cause for regret if he is admitted to your Hall of Residence.

I am,

Yours faithfully,


ALBERT C. WHITE.



UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG.

TELEGRAMS: "UNIVERSITY."
TELEPHONE No. 44-3781.

P.O. Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

13th August, 1936.

The Warden,
St. Anselm Hall,
Victoria Park,
MANCHESTER 14.,
England.

Dear Sir,

With regard to your enquiry of the 3rd June regarding my student, G.D.G. Davidson, I must apologise for having mislaid this letter, and in the meantime, I have written to a colleague of yours at Manchester asking him to pass certain information on to you, but in case this has not been done, I am now replying to your communication.

Mr. Davidson's intellectual powers are rather above the average. About his athletic abilities I know nothing, but he was a favourite with his fellow students, and I should think he has excellent social qualities. He is certainly likely to settle down happily in the common life, mentioned under (b) of your letter.

With regard to his moral character, I am sure that this is excellent, and I have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that he will, in every way, maintain the dignity associated with a position of professional and social responsibility.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Randall".

DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING.

Acknowledged
10.7.36

31 First Avenue,
Bloubaanfontein,
C.T.S.
South Africa.
25-6-36.

The Warden,
St. Anselm Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester, 14,
England.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of
3rd June, for which I thank you. As
the letter was unfortunately forwarded by
ordinary mail, I have only just received it.

I enclose herewith the sum of
£1-0-0, in payment of the deposit which
is due.

Yours faithfully,

G. D. G. Davidson.

Come any time
6/11th order M.B.
from ?
29.9.26

% Union High Commission,
South Africa House,
London.

The Warden,
S. Anselm Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester, 14.

Dear Sir,

I have arrived in London by to-day's
boat from South Africa, and I should be obliged if
you would please let me know when I shall be able
to enter S. Anselm Hall. I should like to come up
as soon as possible, even if it entails extra cost.

I must thank you for your
last letter, confirming my acceptance in residence.

The address given above will, of course, find me during
my stay here.

Yours faithfully,
G. Davidson.

G D G Davidson

1935 or 36 or 37

90 Electricity Supply Commission

P.O. Box 117,

Bape Town,

S. Africa.

Dear Mr. Prestar,

Please forgive me if I address you by the wrong title, but I am lamentably out of touch with Hall and all its changes since my day (1936-7), due, I fear to my own fault.

I was delighted to receive your circular letter with the significant "X" in the lower L.H. corner, and the assiduous research which defaulters such as I must have necessitated on the part of them left and others increases my sense of shame. Your success in tracking down all but four members speaks for itself and would do credit to the office of the Income Tax Collector himself..

II.

To report my past history in brief, I graduated at Boll. in July 1938, (M.Sc. Tech. - Electrical Engineering) and returned almost directly to South Africa.

In August 1938 I joined the Electricity Supply Commission as an Engineering Assistant (The Commission being similar to your

British Electricity Authority, except that it is a Public Utility, not a direct Government office). Except for a period

during the War when I was with the

S. African Corps of Signals, I have been with the Commission continuously, and am

at present Chief Technical Assistant on this (Cape Western) undertaking.

Our activities include the construction & operation of power stations

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and transmission networks thro'out the Western Cape — a radius of some 120 miles from Cape Town — At present we are working in conjunction with the S.A. Railways on the electrification of the main line from Cape Town for about 130 miles on the way to Johannesburg, a scheme which is due to go into operation about mid-1953..

unfortunately my wanderings have never taken me back to England and dear old Manchester, but I live in hopes. I had plans set for paying you all a visit this year — with my wife — but unfortunately the problem of what to do with two young daughters proved too much, so we've called it

IV.

It until a more favourable occasion arises..
You may be sure that I am longing to
visit the old haunts again — fourteen
years is a long absence.

I shall be very pleased
to receive old member's news, and would
ask you to be so kind as to let me know
what subscriptions are payable and to
whom — so that I may catch up an
old acquaintances.

Once again thanking you for
your Circular,
I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Geo. Davidson.

(G. D. G. DAVIDSON)..

1936

G.D.G. Davidson, Esq.,
c/o Electricity Supply Commission,
P.O.Box 117,
Cape Town,
S.Africa.

15th Sept.1952.

Dear Mr. Davidson,

I was very glad to get your letter this morning and to learn the news of your doings since you left Hall. I will pass it on to Tremlett when the new term begins, and doubtless he will include extracts from it in next year's issue of "Floreat". We don't seem to have any other old member in Cape Town itself though there is one in Durban, a couple in Johannesburg, and one or two in S.Rhodesia.

There is no special subscription for old members, what we ask them to do is to support the J.C.R's effort to produce an annual "Floreat" which contains news of old members as well as current doings. There have been three so far and they have cost 3/- per year which just about covers the printing of the magazine and circularising members. I can always give the addresses of any old friends that you particularly wish to get in touch with.

For the rest, we are looking forward to beginning a new session in a week or two, and the Hall is in a very flourishing condition. You will be glad to know we won the Armytage Cup for the first time this year, so I suppose there will be great efforts to hold it!

When you do get over to this country I shall look forward to seeing you, and in the meantime you will doubtless keep us posted of any news of yourself.

Yours sincerely,

G.D.G. Davidson, Esq.,
c/o Electricity Supply Commission,
P.O.Box 117,
Cape Town,
S.Africa.

6th July 1953.

My dear Davidson,

I see that we have printed news of you in this year's Floreat but that, probably through an oversight, you did not subscribe. As there are only half a dozen copies left I am sending you one before the supply is exhausted. If you care to send the 3/- I will pass it on to the Jr. Treasurer of the J.C.R. Perhaps you might think of doing what some other members overseas do, that is, subscribe 2/3 years at once.

I am extremely glad to hear from you and I hope if you do get over you will come and see us.

Yours sincerely,

Rwb.

Ms. G

*10/- handed over to Sankar's
receipt.*

P.O.Box 117,

Cape Town.

11th September, 1953.

Rev. R. H. Preston,
St. Anselm Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester 14,
ENGLAND.

Dear Sir,

It was very kind of you to send me a copy of Floreat,
June 1953, and I was most interested to receive it. Enclosed
is my subscription therefor, and for the next two issues.

At present there is, I fear, little chance of visiting you,
but I continually nurse the idea of managing it before many years
have lapsed.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

G.D.G. Davidson

G.D.G.DAVIDSON.

Encl: Postal Order for 10/-