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My dear old patient-

No doubt you will be surprised to get a letter from your old nurse Sister M. Melanie after such a long time: but really Ishehedi I expected a few lines from you long ago.

I think there must have been a misunderstanding about it all. if you remember rightly you said that you would write to me. but I said that you must write first to the Rev. Mother. I do hope you did not think that I did not wish you to write to me: you naughty boy.

However dear Chief I do hope that your operation was a grand success and that you are feeling strong and well. and that your short stay at the dear old Monastery did you good and that you were happy there.

How anxious your dear Mother must have been: and

to have you back again. I was so sorry about that nasty little business you had some time ago. but thank God it is all over now and only a thing of the past.

I do hope you saw or rather read some of our Catholic papers at the time or a short time after. they would have given you great consolation I am sure. You know that the Catholic Church is the most perfect and true judge on all matters whatsoever.

Did Father Ned. or rather Father Cuthbert send you any papers? you will remember he was the patient next door to yours. he promised to do so. but you know some promises are like pie crusts.

Now dear Chief I must tell you something about myself. Well I left the dear monastery in November for Dunbar to nurse our dear Mother Provincial who was very ill. and then I was sent here in February on lend for three months. but all our lends becomes keeps so here I am and most likely to be.

Now here it another bit of news: I got a letter a few days ago from the Monastery telling me that you kindly sent me

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She promised Kaross. the letter said that it was sent ~~on~~ to Durban but I have not heard anything about it. I cannot understand what has happened. but all the same I must thank you ever so much. Do you remember the time the Sailors returned from your place after parading for nothing. well I saw a picture in one of the daily papers of the train they were travelling in and they had a lovely Kaross hanging out of the windows. and I said to myself, Oh that is the Kaross that Isheneda was to send to me and now they have got it. You can imagine the lively imagination I got as if it was the only one in your Country. now dear Chief I must have a Kaross from yourself at any cost. want I.?

Now if ever you come to the golden City Johannesburg you

you must come and see me want you. I suppose I will be here as I make myself happy and contintid where ever I am as one works for our dear Lord and Master one cannot be otherwise Don't you think so? Have you met any of my old friend whom you knew? I hope and trust that the times are not too bad up your way. as I thinks the depression is not so bad now at last I hear the people say so. we do not hear much news in the Convents it is diffrent from our Sanatoriums so many people come and go. and all kinds. I have been wondering if you met Bishop Meysing he has lots of Missions Stations up your way I you would like him I am sure

Now I must stop this prattle or you will never have time to read it being such a busy man

With kind regards to your dear Mother and yourself

I remain old nurse

Sister M. Melanie