

INVENTORY

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The history of St. Cuthbert's Mission has its beginning in 1865 when two young English deacons, Dodd and B.L. Key (later bishop) settled on the banks of the Inxu River amongst the Pandomisi and built a wattle and daub school chapel and a brick church, which was dedicated to St. Augustine. In 1880 the Pandomisi rebelled against the government and when Mr Key returned from leave he found his house burnt and his people scattered.

A new site was selected near the Bele Mountain on the banks of the Ncolosi stream and this became St. Cuthbert's Mission. In 1883 Key was succeeded by A.G.S. Gibson (later also bishop) and when he took over, there were four outstations all of which were outside the limits of Pandomosi and were amongst Fingoes from the Cape.

In turn Gibson was succeeded by Father Godfrey Callaway, who with two others founded the Society of St. Cuthbert. Due to lack of numbers and ill-health it was found necessary to invite the Society of St. John the Evangelist to take over the mission work. This Society had arrived in Cape Town in 1884 with the aim of converting the Malays.

On 26 Jan 1904 Bishop J.W. Williams of the Diocese of St. Johns founded in 1873 with the help of the Scottish Episcopal Church of which Tsolo was part, asked Father Page, the Superior General of the S.S.J.E., to take over the work at St. Cuthbert's and on March 1904, he accepted. From 1904-1970 the S.S.J.E. continued to work at St. Cuthbert's Mission and on Jan 1971 the last members of the Society sailed for England.

The work done at St. Cuthbert's included education and boarding schools for boys and girls were founded. The girls school was started by Miss Blyth and then taken over by the Community of St. Mary the Virgin. Also day schools, a carpenter's shop, a weaving school and an industrial school became part of the mission.

In health too the mission was active. St. Lucy's Hospital was opened in 1908. There is also a mission farm. These activities have continued over the years. In particular St. Lucy's Hospital has become a well-equipped modern teaching hospital serving a wide area.

The records consist of 67 items covering the years 1816-1971.

On the closing of the library of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, the records were collected together by Canon Wood, Archivist of the Church of the Province, and sent to the Library of the University of the Witwatersrand in April 1973.

They illustrate the work done by the S.S.J.E. in the various fields of education, health, translation and evangelising.

CLASSIFICATION

- A VISITORS BOOKS
- B MINUTES
- C CORRESPONDENCE
- D NOTE BOOKS
- E NOTES & MEMORANDA
- F PHOTOGRAPHS & PICTORIAL

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- A. VISITORS BOOKS 2 Volumes 1930-1971
 - 1 St. Cuthbert's Mission, Tsolo 1930 Dec. 27 - 1971 Jan. 10
Includes name of Lord Clarendon, 1933
 - 2 Guest House, St. Cuthbert's 1946 May 8 - 1964 Jan. 20
Includes names of Sir Ernest and Lady Ina Oppenheimer 1946 May 17
- B. MINUTES 3 Volumes 1911-1965
 - Ba St Cuthbert's Parochial Finance Committee
1 Volume 1929 Sept. 21 - 1965 Sept. 24

- Bb Workers Quarterly Meeting
1 Volume 1938 Apr. 2 - 1948 Jun. 25
- Bc Contains reports on finance, religious knowledge, outstation schools, changes of staff and other mission matters, Society of St. John the Evangelist.
Annual Chapter 1 Volume 1911 - 1916
Includes addresses to the Chapter by the Superior General Gerald S. Maxwell in which he describes the Society's work in Africa, America and India
- C CORRESPONDENCE 31 items 1876-1964
- Ca General 16 items 1893-1964
- 1 1893 Aug. 8, Entlaza, from Bishop B.L. Key to Rev. G. Callaway in Xhosa 2p. A.L.S.
 - 2 1902 Oct. 30, London, from Canon H. Henson to Father F.W. Puller, inviting him to preach in West Minster Abbey and St. Margaret's. 2p. A.L.S.
 - 3 1902 Nov 1, Cardiff, from Father Puller to Canon Henson, refusing to preach because he disagrees with Henson's ideas on reunion with dissenters, as liable to break up the Church of England. 4p A.L.S.
 - 4 1906 Sept. 19, Oxford, from Rev. N.F. Robinson, S.S.J.E. to Father bull, on the question of the separate organisation of black and white races in the church, with particular reference to West Africa, the Ethiopian Church and the Rev. J. Dwane. 8p. A.L.S.
 - 5 1909 Mar. 12, Cape Town, from Dean Charles W. Barnett-Clarke to ""Sir Reverend Brother"", enclosing an official summons from the Archbishop that an elective assembly be held on May 18th in the Cathedral to elect a coadjutor-bishop. 1, 21) Ts carbon-copy.
 - 6 1909 St. Luke's Day, Indwe, from John Philip to Father Bull, congratulating him on the outspoken way he wrote in the Church Chronicle about why there were no native representatives at the Provincial Conference. He gives his views on a distinct organisation of the native section of the church, which he advocates. 4p A.L.S.
 - 7 1912 Aug 20, Tsolo, from Rev. Godfrey Calloway to "Sir", re sale of liquor to natives. 4p A.L.S. & lop. Ms notes on same subject.
 - 8 1914 Oct 8, Claremont, from Bishop William Carter to Father Bignold, saying that all shall be done so that the sisters can continue in their good work and that the Blessed Sacrament shall be reserved at Lilibloem. 2p. A.L.S.
 - 9 1920 Apr. 12, Herschel, from W. Power Leary to ""Dear Sir"". on some place names of Tsolo. Sp. Ts carbon-copy
 - 10 1935 Feb 21, Modderpoort, from Rev. A.J. Fowler to Father Bull, enclosing an account of the martyr Maqumusela Kanyile, who was executed by CetdrTrayo for becoming a Christian. 2p. A.L.S. and Account 5p. Ts.
 - 11 1935 Mar 12, St. Augustine's Zululand, from Ven. Archdeacon Lee to Father bull, thanking him for sending the account of Maqumuesla's martyrdom to him and adding comments. 1p. Ls.
 - 12 1936 Oct 7, Kampala, Uganda, from Bishop Cyril to Father Bull, enclosing list of names of martyrs commemorated in a tablet in his Cathedral. 2p. Ls
 - 13 1940 Jan. 27, St. Augustine's Pen Malonga, from Harry Bucke R. to ""Dear Brother"", asking him to trace Bernard Mizeki's name in the baptismal register. 2p. A.L.S.
 - 14 1945 Feb 3, Oxford, from W.B. O'Brien to ""Dear Sir"", on the Founders Memorial and the chapter minutes concerning the Memorial. 1p. Ls
 - 15 1964 Jun. 24, Cape Town, from Father Gardner to Sister Dorothy, enclosing photographs re Bernard Mizeki. 2p. A.L.S.
 - 16 Undated Nov. 21st, Marandellas, from Jean Farrant to Father Gardner, explaining names of figures in photographs which include Bernard Mizeki and Father Puller. 2p. A.L.S.
- Cb Correspondence of Dr Hewitt 15 items 1876-1895
- 1 1876 Nov. 14, Dordrecht, from li. Master White, on Hewitt's suggestions for the Dutch Prayer Book. 1p. A.L.S.
 - 2 1876 Dec. 23, Grahamstown, from H.M. White, criticising Hewitt's amendments. 3p. A.L.S.
 - 3 1877 Feb. 20, London, from Edmund McClare, Edit. Sec.S.P.C.K. to H.M. White, regretting they cannot issue new edition of Dutch Prayer Book but that he will publish a Dutch apocrypha if need for it exists. 3p. A.L.S.
 - 4 1877 Mar. 27, Grahams town, from H.M. White, on Dutch Prayer Book revision. 3p. A.L.S.

- 5 1890 Aug 8, Wynberg, from R. Ridgie (7) to ""Dear Sir" enclosing new edition of the hymn book. A.L.S. 2p.
- 6 1892 Jul. 2, On visitation, from Bp. H. Bousfield, asking advice on translation of the creed in the Dutch Prayer Book 2p. A.L.S.
- 7 1893 Mar 30, Claremont, from Bishop W.W. Jones, asking about who should proof read the new hymnal and requesting Hewitt to remain chairman of the Translation Committee. 4p. A.L.S.
- 8 1893 Apr. 6, Port Elizabeth, from J.W. Williams, asking him to direct a committee which will correct errors in the Dutch Prayer Book. 1p. A.L.S.
- 9 1893 Apr. 13, Port Elizabeth, from Hewitt to ""My dear brother" suggesting how to set about revision. 4p. A.L.S.
- 10 1893 Apr. 13, Pretoria, from Bishop H. Bousfield, nominating H.B. Sidwell as a member of the Committee. 1p. A.L.S.
- 11 1893 May 5, Thlotse Heights, Basutoland, from John Widdicombe, agreeing to the plan for revision. 3p. A.L.S.
- 12 1893 May 6, Middelburg, from H.B. Sidwell, regretting he cannot start revising as he must travel. 2p. A.L.S.
- 13 1893 May 29, Cape Town, from Geo. H.R. Fisk, Dioc. Secretary asking him to revise die ""Heilige communie"" for 2nd edition. 2p. A.L.S.
- 14 1893 Oct 10, Middelburg, from H.B. Sidwell, regretting he has done nothing about the revision. 3p. A.L.S.
- 15 1895 Jun. 10, Cape Town, from P.B. Hewitt, thanking him for hospitality. 4p. A.L.S.

D NOTEBOOKS 7 items

Da Notebook containing reports on schools 1902-1907. 1 volume. Ms.

Db Notebook belonging to F.J. Rumsey, Kelham, Oct 1910.

Contains quotes, words, jokes etc. 1 volume. Ms.

Dc Notebooks of Father Hewitt, with notes on the revision of the Dutch Prayer Book and Hymnal. 5 vols. Ms.

E. NOTES AND MEMORANDA 18 items 1898-196?

Ea Notes (Ms)

1 1904 Sep. 9. Notes on the order of service. 4p

2 1913 Dec. 15. Saints of Africa by Rev. W.A. Norton. 7p

3 Undated. Notes on the cleaning of the crozier. 2p.

4 Undated. History of St. Cuthbert's church. 2p.

5 Undated. List of ecclesiastical books compiled by Rev. A.C. Kettle

6 Undated Church of England in South Africa. 11p.

7 Undated. Notes on Xhosa customs. 4p

8 Undated. Notes headed ""exceptions"", with particular reference to native servants. 11p.

9 Undated. Genealogical tree, probable local tribal chief. 1 sheet.

Eb Cyclostyled items

1 1898 Jan 9. Form and order of laying of foundation stone of St. Columba's Home, Cape Town. 2p.

2 1911 Jan 1. Memorandum of consecration service of St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town. 1p.a

3 1915 Jan 16. Memorandum to Bishops and their chaplains on Provincial Synod, Cape Town. 1p

4 Undated. Form and installation of Archdeacon in the diocese of Cape Town. 4p

Ec Typescripts 5 items

1 1913 Oct. 31, Notes for penitents' classes by Charles H. Turner, which S.P.C.K. found untimely to publish in an English version. 49p. (Kaffir version was by Rev. John X. Xaba)

2 Obituaries of members of S.S.J.E. who served in South Africa to 1948. 17p. (+2p. Ms notes)

3 Roll of European workers at St. Cuthbert's 1882-1960, compiled by Ethel M. Wallace, May 1960. 20p

4 Institution of Rev. V.A. Young, S.S.J.E. as priest-in-charge of the parochial district of St. Cyprians, Langa, 1962 May 31, 1p.

5 Undated. "A secret" by Father Cargren - effect of an agapanthus lily on an aged missionary. 2p.

F. PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER PICTORIAL MATERIAL 6 items

Fa Album

- 1 1878-1889. Contains views of English cathedrals, churches and mission houses. Also scenes in Africa at Mkuzi, Central Africa, Plain Street Port Elizabeth, Port Elizabeth from the jetty, mouth of Buffalo River, Synod Umtata 1891, Port St.Johns and Umtata Cathedral. Also coloured sketch of Christ Church and Hospital, Old Slave Market, Zanzibar 1878 by C. Yorke, Missions in India, Lambeth Conference 1888 and group of Rev. J.A. Wallis and family.
 - 2 Scenes of St. Cuthbert's Mission. Various groups of fathers including Dobbs, Ley, Callaway, Walcott, Corner, Puller, Archbishop West Jones and Dean Carter. Also scenes of schoolrooms, weaving rooms and of building the new church which was opened in May 1906
 - 3 Views of cathedrals and churches, probably in England.
- Fb Loose Photographs
- 1-2. Bishop Gibson Memorial Hut, Key Cottage, St. Cuthbert's Mission.
 - 3 Portrait of Alfred Kettle, one of the founders of the mission.
He belonged to the Society of St. Cuthbert which merged with Society of St. John the Evangelist.
- Fc Album of pen and ink drawings by father Noel (St. Cuthbert's 1904-1926) of continental and English cathedrals. This album was bequeathed to S.S.J.E. by his sister Mrs Ida L. Noel Staunton. The views cover England, France, Rome and Holland and were done between 1877-1890.