

# NOVEMBER 1934.

F. of All Saints.

1. Mass at 5.30 a.m. for the travellers' sake. S. Rose left for Irene at 6.30 a.m. S. Esther of Maritzburg travelling with her as far as that place - S. Superior left at 2 p.m. for Umtata, where she is going to spend the night (at Bishopmead) meet the Reverend Mother then party at the Station to-morrow a.m. 2 Sisters went to the Church for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vespers of All S.S. & Vespers of the Dead - asst. Superior felt it would be nice for the Community to be represented -

All Souls Day.

2. All Souls Day ceremonies as usual at S. Cuthbert's. The Cape Town train was purchased in Umtata - the Mother General then party were at Bishopmead by 7.10 a.m. The Bishop met them then immediately said Mass for them in his Chapel. After breakfast Mother went up to the Cth. Cathedral to S. Bedes. Morning tea at 10 a.m. then out to S. Cuthbert's. Arrived about noon with 2 cars. (The Reverend Mother General, Mother Provincial, S. Superior, S. Annette, S. Doris). The Sisters were in the road, S. Augustines inside the gate - & other S. Albal's girls, Day Housecrafters. Bells were pealed by S. Augustines - The S. Mary's girls formed a double line to the steps holding blue & white streamers - They all closed in after Mother & sang a special song of welcome to her. After Vespers, Mother took S. Annette up to S. Augustines.

3. Mother saw over Hospital in the morning & called upon Mr. Scott.

SUNDAY IN Oct.

4. No boarders Mass: all children went at 9 a.m. - Mother to C.I.B. for recreation.

5. Mother to School prayers & round Primary School before morning tea - round Housecraft School afterwards.

In the afternoon to Carpentry Department. Conference 5 p.m.

6. Mother spent most of morning at S. Augustines - listening to lessons etc.

In the afternoon to see R. Davies' house. Conference 5 p.m.

7. Mother, Mother P. S.S. S. Rachel to see Belle School then on to Ntshungo school & Church in the morning. <sup>locusts. flew over the mission at 12.45 -</sup> Tea in the Parlour. Conference 5. Rain.

Oct. Day of All Saints.

8. Mother, S.S., S.F. & S.D. went to see Jeneba School & Church then on to the

Inxu Falls. A party of head boys entertained us with stick-play, singing & v. good dancing. Conference at 5 pm.

9<sup>th</sup> Mother Provincial in retreat. Mother General to tea at her cottage & to leaving school in the morning. In the afternoon to S. Augustine's to tea. At 4.15 pm. Blessing of new C.S.I.B. huts. Conference 5 pm.

10<sup>th</sup> Mother, Mother P, Sr. Editha & Sr. Rachel set off for picnic at 9 a.m. They went to Red Hill, to a bush. They returned at 3 pm. Jerome's new horse was claimed by some natives who said it had been stolen from them. Mr. Overkinder took it in to Isolo to Mr. Francis Payne from whom it was bought. Stormy afternoon with threatening of rain. In the evening some of the Industrials acted for Mother - scenes from "The Beautiful Face" - dramatized & produced by S. Dorothea. It was in Xosa - & was v. spirited & good. Conference 5 pm.

11<sup>th</sup> Muggy & drizzly day, turning to quite good rain. Tea in the Parlour, to which Miss Wallace & Miss Rutherford were invited. Very good rain in the night.

12<sup>th</sup> Mother to take Divinity at 9. in the Primary School. Saw over Sr. Margaret's Hostel in the morning. To tea with Mother Provincial to Mr. Scott. Conference 5 pm.

13<sup>th</sup> Mother, Mother P, S.S. S. Annetta driven by Fr. Thomson to Ngungwana to S. Augustine's Inxu. Lovely morning. Heavy thunderstorm & good rain in the afternoon. Sr. Editha to Ndongo for M.V. meeting, but turned back by storm. Sr. Euphemia in retreat. Conference 5 pm.

14<sup>th</sup> Mother General in retreat till 3.30 pm. Conference 5 pm. Mother to Scott evening to talk to ladies.

15<sup>th</sup> Sung Mass at 6.15. C.S.I.B. call our ladies came. Mother to teach in Primary School at 9. Then to babies - Festival morning tea. Mother spoke at Women's meeting at 4. Conference 5. Hostel gave concert in evening 7.15 - 8.30.

16<sup>th</sup> Union Castle written to about ~~the~~ berth for S. Euphemia 18. Rosemary by Handoverly Castle leaving E. London Mar 7<sup>th</sup> due Southampton April 1<sup>st</sup>.

16<sup>th</sup> Mother to teach probationers at 9 - then up to school. At mid-day she told us that S. Doris & S. Annetta were to change places. S. Margaret's concert postponed because of a case of mumps. Conference 5.

17<sup>th</sup> Mother, S. Dorothea, S. Christian & S. Essie went to Tsitsa Falls at 8 a.m. S. Editha in retreat. Mother P & S.S. to morning tea picnic. Dr. Drewe came from Holi + to see F. Callaway - Baptisms (10) in Church at 4 pm. Concert in the evening

TRINITY XXIV.

F. of the Dedication.

F. of S. Margaret.

- 18<sup>th</sup> Mother Mother P to Boarders' Mass. Mother to Sunday Schools in the afternoon. Heavy storm after tea. Trip light to tea. Mother v. tired.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mother & S.S. in to Tools with Dr. Leslie - calling upon Mr. Payne & then on to morning tea with Mr. Leslie. They returned just after 12. It was decided that roads were not fit for November trip to move on S. Annette in retreat. Mother to tea at S. Augustines - not v. well all day.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mother stayed here all day. Mother P. to tea at S. Augustines. Sheltanthe & Mr. Mkorane arrived. They have come for the C.S.I.B. ceremonies.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mother better - but day quiet - windows except for short walk in the morning. Selina Mkorane received her Habit at 6 pm in our Chapel. Dr. Leslie received her, Mr. Hartley preached - the Bishop was present.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Morici Hlingani took her First Vows at 6.30 mass. They were received by the Bishop, who also gave the address. Fr. Superior presented her, Fr. Thomson was M.C. Fr. Hartley was Bishop's Chaplain - Holy Cross party left soon after 10 am. Mother Mother P. had dinner at 12.30. Left just before 1. as the weather was not good, drizzle with thunder threatening. S.S. to Professor's Tea in C.S.I.B. community room at 3.30. Travelling meeting at 8 pm in S. Christophers. It was decided that all parties should travel on Thursday (except Mackean girls.)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> S.S. rested till mid-day. Cold, drizzly day.
- 24<sup>th</sup> <sup>S.S. come in retreat.</sup> Evensong 3 pm. Confirmation 4 pm. at which 250 candidates were confirmed. All arrangements were simpler, the Sisters did nothing in the way of preparation except put on <sup>confirmed from here.</sup> recollect the veils. Concert for the Bishop 7.30 - 9 pm. Gladys Faro, Gladys Pitt, Louisa Fadama
- 25<sup>th</sup> High Mass at 8.30 at which the Bishop preached - to which all boarders went. The Bishop came to tea in the afternoon, after a private confirmation at the Hospital.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mr. Thurlbeck came to examine the Primary Schools. S.S. to tea at S. Augustines. Telegram telling of happy arrival of the mothers at home.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Leginah & Fredencia began their fortnight off. Ethel Keleto taking Leginah's place in the kitchen. S. Euphemia poorly with sciatica; moved to S. Raphael in the evening.
- 28<sup>th</sup> S. Euphemia in bed all day. "Tompie" had a bull calf.
- 29<sup>th</sup> S. Superior, S. M. Baptista, S. Faith & S. Rachel in retreat. Days of Intercession for

F. A. S. Cecilia  
 O. class of Pediatrics

Missions. Sister took times in Church. S<sup>r</sup> Euphemia better. Kiln fired in camp.

F. of S. Andrew.

30<sup>th</sup> Handcraft School had show + sale. Mr. Thurlbeck visited the school.

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1<sup>st</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Editha in retreat. In the evening the children acted their plays for the Father Superior. S<sup>r</sup> Augustines school came.

ADVENT I

2<sup>nd</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Annette to S Augustines to morning tea. S.S. up there after recreation to see the new Altar which is being constructed in Chapel.

3<sup>rd</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Augustines Juvenile Committee meeting in S Superior's Office @ 5 pm.

4<sup>th</sup> Father Callaway, very much weaker after prolonged attack of yesterday. Sunbeam did Nativity tableaux @ 4pm on the steps of New Back School.

5<sup>th</sup> Handcraft School Party in the afternoon.

F. of S. Nicholas.

6<sup>th</sup> Mass at S. Augustines the new altar was used. It is finished except for the top. S Superior went to dinner - Catechism monitor's party in the afternoon. Christmas tree at S. Augustines S. Mary's concert in the evening - v. good. Day girls took part in the latter - report here.

7<sup>th</sup> Vincent's case was tried again, but was not finished. The Carpenter boys gave a concert in the evening at 7 pm in the woodwork school: all the children went. Solemn Vespers of the Conception. Archdeacon Henry called.

F. of the Conception.

8<sup>th</sup> Mass in Chapel. Talking morning & afternoon teas.

10<sup>th</sup> Simianga returned to work. Children gave in Assessment money to Fr. hez in chapel at 5 pm.

11<sup>th</sup> S.S. had women's meeting in the afternoon.

12<sup>th</sup> Schools closed. S<sup>r</sup> Editha went to E. London at 3 pm. She is going to get further advice about her nose which has been inflamed for 3 months. Children living near by were allowed to go home (Bele, Mshuqo, Jeneo, Elyini, Naxionwana, Magutywa). Others were allowed to go provided that responsible escorts were sent from home. Very severe storm in evening.

S. Lucy's Day -

13<sup>th</sup> 3 Sisters went to S. Lucy's mass, 2 to Chapel. 4 to Workers mass.

Tsoto lorry (for Kokedao bus) started at 5.30 am. - Umkata lorry did not start till 11.30 am. - roads v. bad. Good workers meeting - subject of witchcraft was discussed at the end. Mrs. Sheard came down from Keembe about 2 pm.

14<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Esme came down to stay for a week. Wore from S<sup>r</sup> Editha re visit to.

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14<sup>th</sup> Doctor; very reassuring. C.S.M.V. went up to see Richard & Evelyn's wedding presents in the afternoon. C.S.M.V. gave them the little bureau from the Hospital as a present: we are having a writing table made for S. Faith in its place.

17<sup>th</sup> Richard James & Evelyn Nich were married at 8.30 to day. Fr. Key took the marriage & preached. Fr. Superior said the mass. The newly married drove straight down to see Fr. Callaway after the wedding - they also greeted the Sisters - who of course did not go up to the reception held at Mrs. Scott's. They left for their honeymoon by car at 11 o'clock.

18<sup>th</sup> C.S.M.V. Corporate Advent Retreat. Mrs. Waldron & Mrs. Bearnish left for their holiday at 6.30 a.m. -

20<sup>th</sup> S. Joyce arrived from the Transvaal 6.30 p.m. S. Egan returned to S. Augustine's.

F. of S. Thomas. 21<sup>st</sup> S. Editha came back from E. London about 11 a.m. S. Joyce & S. Rachel for dinner picnic finishing with tea at S. Augustine's. S.S. to tea at S. Augustine's also -

22<sup>nd</sup> S. Joyce in retreat - The Bishop called in the morning, bringing S. Marcella from All Saints, Englebo who is coming to spend Christmas & her rest with us.


ADVENT IV.

23<sup>rd</sup> The Bishop preached at the 9 o'clock Mass - recalled afterwards. A party went to the Bush in the afternoon, brought back masses of arums & lanterns.

Xmas Eve.

24<sup>th</sup> S. Dorothea & S. Joyce did Church evit. S. Nair & S. Marcella for a lecture. A very happy & busy day. Some Key Cottage ladies came to Vespers. Complete Nocturnes were said at 8 p.m. Four or five girls came to sleep in addition to the 8 Leuca girls who are staying here for the holidays.

XMAS DAY

25<sup>th</sup> Mass in Chapel at 6.30. High Mass in Church at 8.30. Then presents given to household. Talking mid-day dinner in Refectory for household & two McAlisters who were left at S. Augustine's. Tables in Refectory so  with Xmas tree in centre - crib in corner of room. Whole mission to tea in Parlour at 4 p.m. about 36 - In the evening we all & the McAlisters & the Anna Leuca went to supper party & Xmas entertainment at C.S.I.B. It began at 6.30 - then C.S.M.V. left just before 8

for Devotions in Chapel (S. Thomson)

26<sup>th</sup> Most people spent day getting presents ready for the Tree. In the afternoon S. Christian gave a party to Amo. Hence a few Sisters went.

27<sup>th</sup> X<sup>m</sup>mas Tree! A very pretty pine was given by the Fathers & brought down on a sledge about 9 am. Most people spent the day dressing the tree & finishing off presents. It was exceedingly pretty as we had plenty of new ornaments of metal - S. Faith had her party at 4.30 - many stayed to the tree. It was lighted at 7.30. After a few words of greeting etc presents were distributed - Xmas hymns sung, then <sup>with</sup> a collect & blessing the assembly was dismissed about 8.45 pm.

28<sup>th</sup> S. Rachel's Itinerary was said after mass. She starts for England to-day but is spending a few days first at E. London with S. Dorothea & S. Christian who are going for their rest. S. Euphemia is going to Umata to Bishop's mead for a few days. They all left the Mission at 1.30 pm.

31<sup>st</sup> S. Annetta, S. Joyce & S. Marcella went for picnic after breakfast return for tea. Fr. Charid left the Mission at 2.15 - took S. Alberta as far as Umata. Fr. Charid is returning to England after a 6 months visit.

# JANUARY 1935.

F. of the Circumcision. 1<sup>st</sup>

Sung Mass at 8.30 with sermon. Good attendance.

2<sup>nd</sup>

A party of 6 Sisters, a lady, & 2 children set out for picnic about 9 am. They climbed Kwana, returning about 4 pm. Very hot day, storm in afternoon. James Mkatola returned to work: He latter was given a month's notice, as we want to keep Mduyana. He was kept on to scuffle girls' land. Sr. Euphemia returned from Umata about 11.30. Mrs. Boltwell came with her & stayed to lunch till 2 pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Helen Payne visited the Mission & called on us.

4<sup>th</sup> Sr. Marcella to S. Augustines to dinner & tea. Took children out for walk.

5<sup>th</sup> Sr. Edith & Sr. Joyce for afternoon picnic.

F. of the Epiphany.

6<sup>th</sup> Sr. Joyce to dinner at S. Augustines.

7<sup>th</sup> Sr. Joyce left at 6.30 am for Kaka. The Mission car took her as far as Gumba. Sr. Marcella went for the drive - returned at noon with pork. Sr. Superior to tea at S. Augustines.

9<sup>th</sup> Morning tea picnic. Sr. Faith, Annette & Marcella. SA to dinner & tea at S. Augustines. Hospital Committee meeting 4 pm - 5.30 pm.

10<sup>th</sup> Sr. Edith & Sr. Marcella walked to Adkins' store in the am. Fr. Thomson brought a very nice horse down in the course of the morning to be looked at with a view to purchase: price of 11. We have had 15 quies in England.

11<sup>th</sup> Sr. Marcella to S. Augustines for the day. At 4 pm in C.S.I.P. Chapel all gathered together for the Admission of Sr. Jocelina. C.S.I.P. to the Office of Superior at Mbotswana by Fr. Callaway. After Real Office the Itinerary was said for her & for Sr. Mena Mhizani who are to accompany her.

12<sup>th</sup> At 9 am. Sr. Euphemia of the Mbotswana party set out by car. She former is going to stay with the C.S.I.P. Sisters for a week. Key Cottage ladies & all our people & some outside women came to see them off. Sister Superior set off for Umata at 4.15 - Fred going as far as Tolo in his own car. After that she went by railway bus.

- De: of the Epiphany S<sup>r</sup> Mary Baptista went to S. Augustines to morning tea.
- 14<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Marcella spent the day at S. Augustines.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sung Requiem in Church at 8.30. for Bp: Williams.
- 17<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Mary Baptista went to Tolo. D<sup>r</sup> Leslie extracted a tooth for her. Miss Gegg came (with 7<sup>th</sup> day) to say goodbye. S<sup>r</sup> Marcella and S<sup>r</sup> Annette went to S. Augustines to morning tea.
- 18 S<sup>r</sup> Superior, S. Dorothea & S. Christian returned at 11.15. The former from Umata, the latter two from E. London after their rests.
- EPHANY II 20<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Euphemia returned from Mbotwana at 5.40. very happy with the way in which the Branch House had been begun. The Community Annual Retreat began at 7.15. Conductor Fr. Thomson. S.S.I.E. S<sup>r</sup> Marcella joined it: all C.M.V. at S<sup>r</sup> C's entered except S. Dons.
- 25<sup>th</sup> The Retreat ended after breakfast - S<sup>r</sup> Faith & S<sup>r</sup> Marcella left about 11.30 - the former is going for her rest to Cape Town - the latter is returning to All Saints. Engeströ.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Council votes wired to Irene. S. Superior to her reverence at S. Augustines -
- EPHANY III 27<sup>th</sup> Children returned to school. A good number were here in time for Even Song.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sixty girls were here to begin school to day.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Debaker Superior left for Provincial Synod at 12.30 to day. He took Agnes Dabane & Angelina Pupu with him en route for Ntloza.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Father Callaway left S. Huey's for a round of visits. He went as far as Gumbo to day, accompanied by Nurse Beamesh & Fredena. The new horse came down & was tried with a side saddle by S.M. B & S. Ed. He is v. nice: we have decided to buy him - £11 money has been given from England. Gaps in new Cyprus hedges were filled up - the part in C.M.V. garden was almost wholly replanted.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Ekai M<sup>r</sup>: Alister left for Zonneloem to day - Washington Tauda discharged on grounds of laziness in chopping & also for adulterating the milk & also taking it to his own kraal.



# FEBRUARY 1935

F. of the Purification.  
Epiphany IV

- 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dons in retreat. Dance in the evening for those back in time for 1<sup>st</sup> register.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Only two Xosa masses in Church. The Sisters all went to the 7. am.  
S. Euphemia in bed for the day.
- 4<sup>th</sup> S. Superior went to stay at S. Augustines.
- 5<sup>th</sup> M. Union Meeting at S. Mary's followed by tea party. 36 women present.
- 11<sup>th</sup> S. Euphemia went to Mbotswana for a week. S. Superior returned from S. Augustines.
- 12<sup>th</sup> S. Editha went to Mbotswana for M. U. meeting. She set off on horseback, but the horse had to be sent back almost immediately, because of girth sore. Sister walked did not get back till 7.35.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Sheppard & S.S. for tea picnic.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Sheppard left for Neembe abt. 4 am. - Cable from home for S. Lucy's report which had not been received. Fr. Horton Smith & Brother William John. S.S. & E. arrived from England. Fr. Ley brought the former to call in the afternoon.  
S. Mary/Papista to Tolo to see dentist.
- 16<sup>th</sup> S. Euphemia returned from Mbotswana at mid-day. Brother William John called was Sheon round.
- 19<sup>th</sup> S. Editha to Mzimwana for women's meeting - left 1.45 arrived <sup>home</sup> about 7.15 pm. The Zulus lent horses: ours not to be ridden for a fortnight.
- 20<sup>th</sup> S. Mary/Papista in retreat. Lusitania hedge trimmed - taller trees 2" - smaller ones just topped. winter sweet peas planted - Good rai in afternoon & evening.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Good rai in night grey day. Mrs. Sheppard returned from Neembe. S. Annette went in a car to the Majaba to meet her. S. Superior had women's meeting in the afternoon.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Last news of mothers voyaging came through to-day. Fr. Superior returned.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sisters Dorothea & Esme in retreat. Retreat for First Communicants in church. Thirty girls had mid-day dinner here.
- 24<sup>th</sup> All went to the 9 am. in Church - There were 50 first Communicants - "Crucifixion" music begun in the evening with the children.

SEXAGESIMA.

- 25<sup>th</sup> S.M.B to Hospital in morning - to have piece of bone extracted where tooth had been taken out a month ago.
- 26<sup>th</sup> S. Doris in retreat - S.S. up to S. Augustines in the morning. Fr. Provincial returned.
- 27<sup>th</sup> S.S. St. Euphemia in retreat.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Frederica ship Agar out all day on picnic to Ngcebe. Fr. Provincial called in the morning.

## MARCH 1935

1<sup>st</sup> Sister Faith returned from Cape Town at mid day - looking very well. She has been away 5 weeks. In the afternoon the Hospital Executive Committee met - to discuss continuance work of Ncembu work. Miss Bernard was most cordially invited to return & continue the work after her furlough -

QUINQUAGESIMA 3<sup>rd</sup> The Father Provincial came down & said the Itinerary for S. Euphemia at 12 noon. At 1.30 - she, Miss Bernard & Miss Wallace set out on furlough to England. They are going to the Bishop to day - for supper will entrain to night. Fr. Superior came to various Sunday schools in the afternoon. Storm with slight rain in the evening.

4<sup>th</sup> The Bishop called in the afternoon: he was just out for a few hours.

5<sup>th</sup> M. V. meeting in the afternoon: only 8 women present as there was a heavy storm. Fr. Thomson, who was due for shrivings, was delayed & did not come.

ASH WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> S. Mary Daptista & S. Faith in retreat. F.T. came for shrivings in the afternoon. Good news of travellers from Amabele.

8<sup>th</sup> The Father Superior General S.S. I.B. (Fr. O'Brien) arrived on the Mission at 12.30 am. He is coming to stay for Lent. All went up to welcome him: after he had shaken hands with the staff - all present went into the Church to receive his blessing.

9<sup>th</sup> S. Editha & A. Waldron in retreat - The Father Superior General called in the morning. He saw the Chapels, C.S.I.B premises & Hospital.

11<sup>th</sup> Dr. Leslie brought Dr. Mrs. Meares to call. Dr. M. is to be Dr. L's locum while he is on furlough.

14<sup>th</sup> Fr. Superior General of Fr. Boston Smith went round Homecraft School in the am.

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