

1942.

October.

- F. of Holy 2nd Mothers' Union retreat, conducted by Rev. J. Mrowala, in progress.
- Guardian Angels In the afternoon S. R. M. S. Alberta C.S. I.B. had a conference with the women in the school. At 3.30 pm. Nurse Linah Hlolo received her Hospital certificate as prize in the Nurses' Home. This is the first certificate to be given from S. Lucy's. Fr. Young gave away the certificate & prize, made a nice speech. S. Sup^r also spoke of the S. I. E. C.M.V. Sisters were present & M^{rs} Flora Lomhlaho, a former nurse. The function was followed by a tea party for the Nurses.
- 3rd S. Eu. in retreat. Heavy storm in the pm.
- Sun. in Oct. 4 Trip Hubback left with Canon Headley Brown after breakfast for Umata.
- 5th A grey misty day, with rain at intervals. Boarders returned.
- Oct. Day of 6 Schools opened. In the afternoon S. Sup^r took a patient to Umata Hospital, taking Miss Robertson + 2 native nurses with her for the drive.
- S. Michael + S. R. M. to Bele for women's meeting. S. D. to Sparq's for shopping.
- All Angels. In the am. Fr. Young said the Community Mass in S. Lucy's Chapel in English.
- 9th S. Sup^r to Gqagala in the am. to take out a patient - in the pm. to Tsolo taking Miss Robertson with her to fetch her dog who is being sent from Zululane. Miss Moore went for the drive.
- 10th S. Marcia was discharged from S. Lucy's.
- Trinity XIX 11th M^{rs} Flynn Hoqq & Miss Brandon came to tea. The former is in charge of the Guest House, the latter, a friend of hers, is staying with her at present.
- 13th S. R. M. to Mshigo for M. U. meeting.
- 15th S. D. had women's meeting.
- 16th S. H. C. returned from her rest at 1 pm. & went to bed at 2 pm. not having had a v. good journey.
- 17th S. Sup^r, S. D. & S. A. J. in retreat.
- F. of S. Luke. 18th The first anniversary of S. Superior's Installation: a very happy day with several nice family festivities. Solemn Vespers at 4.30.
- 20th S. R. M. to Ghujeeweni.
- 21st One of the nurses (Bella Xaseka) at S. Lucy's is critically ill with enteric. At 9 am. S. Sup^r, having failed to get in contact with her people by letter or wire, set out by car to look for her home in the Qumbu district.

She returned to at 2pm, bringing back her mother & friends.

22nd Nurse Bella died this morning. S. E. & S. G. A in retreat.

23rd Nurse Bella's funeral was at 2.15pm. from S. Lucy's. Several people came from her own home, including a preacher who spoke at the graveside in addition to Fr. Young. All the arrangements were made by S. Lucy's - including a meal for her home people after the funeral ^{at the} Coffee Shop.

24th S.R.M. & S.M. in retreat. At 2pm. S. Supl. took Frederica to Lotana for her holiday. S.D. & S. Eds 2 nurses went for the drive.

26th S.F.M. in retreat. At 7.45 the Fr. Superior, who returned to the Mission on the 23rd, came to greet the Sisters & to give them a talk.

27th S.H.C. in retreat. S.R.M. to Nombala in the afternoon.

SS Simon & Jude 28th Solemn vespers at 5pm. - Fr. Young.

30th Mrs Sheppard's funeral in Tolo at 3.30pm. S.S. went taking S. Euphemia ^{Hilland} & Miss S.D. went part way for shopping at Spanq's. S. E. took girls out for a run: they came back with quantities of lovely blooms. The Piano tuner came & spent a good many hours on the piano. At 7.45pm, his taxi having failed to come, S.S. set out with him for Tolo. S.G.A. went too, they met his taxi about 1 mile out.

31st Winifred Dibi Mabandla dismissed from Hostel for repeated & long continued insubordination.

November 1942.

All Saints 1st After Catechism S.S. went & greeted the children, & gave them iced biscuits, sweets etc. At 8pm. there was a very nice music in church from Miss Moore (cello) & S.A.1. (harmonium) to which Sr. Marcia went (by car).

All Souls 2nd All as usual. The Sisters joined the cemetery procession at the Chapel gate.

3rd S. Supl. Miss Robertson to Tolo in the pm. to call upon the Theas.

S.R. to Bele.

4th S. E. in retreat. Address in Chapel (Fr. Young) at 4.15 P.M.

5th S.R.M. had M.U. meeting at S. Cuthbert's.

6th S.S. & four Sisters went shopping to Spanq's in the am. Frederica returned from her holiday.

7th S.M. in retreat. S.D. to tea with S.S. for her Profession anniversary which is tomorrow.

8th S.D. in retreat.

9th Sr. Marcia to Ntloza to stay with the Buckleys. Went in Hospital car, with Sr. Euphemia, & Sr. M. H. driving. Went by Rainey Mission, lunch at Ntloza, returned by Umbala for shopping. A lovely, though chilly day.

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November. 10. Requiem for relations & friends. Very wet.

11 & 12 Y. Wet indeed! 14th Sr: R. M. Sr: F. M. & Sr: M. M. in Retreat.

16 Standard VI examinations began to-day.

Solemn Vespers - 1st Vespers of Dedication.

17 Dedication Festival. Sung Mass (Rex Splendens) Arthur served.

We are keeping the Dedication with an octave this year.

23-24-25 Miss Rowe examining Housecraft School, also Miss Barber.

They slept at the Guest House; but had a hut down here, & some of their meals. Sr: G. A. & Sr: H. C. in Retreat.

23 Father Bowen brought some visitors round the hospital, including two School Inspectors who are here for an inquiry to be held at Ngcale School to-morrow.

24 Inquiry at Ngcale. Six boarders went, on the lorry; Mr: Morah Somblahlo went also to look after them. They took food with them, & were there for 7 hours.

25 Sister Joyce arrived from the Transvaal to convalesce after diphtheria. Sr: Euphemia & Sr: M. M. went to Mr: Saba to meet her. All breakfasted at Groenewald Hotel, & the invalid rested while the other 2 shopped.

26 Entertainment at St: Joseph's to which only a favoured few were invited! Sr: F. M. & Sr: H. C. from here. In the evening Dr: Meers came out & performed an operation (Caesarean section) on a dwarf. Miss Robertson & Sr: M. M. had supper late, in the parlour.

26 Sr: Editha in Retreat
27 Address from Father Young. Sr: A. J. in Retreat.

28 Sr: Ed: & Sr: R. M. went with Sr: M. M. to Ntlaya to fetch back Sr: Marcia. Only spent short time there as weather very threatening. St: Margaret's entertainment in p.m. Graspers & 3rd year Industrials invited. Tremendous storm of thunder, hail, & all sorts!

St: Andrew's 30. Talking tea & Solemn Vespers; but there was a meeting of Hotel Keepers which went on & on, & for some time, Solemn Vespers was unattainable.

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- 2 Rain, rain.
3. V. Wel. Robertson + Freddie to UmSala with Father Superior who was going to the D.F.B.
 Social Evening at S. Mary's - Country Dancing, a party invited from C.S.T.B. & also from S. Margaret's. The middle floor was cleared in the dining hall & the guests surround the wall. Fr. Superior, Fr. Superior, Mr. Young + Miss Cairne came. The guests were given cocoa + sweets. A very cheerful evening, enjoyed both by children + spectators.
 St. Euphemia in Retreat.
- 4th Homecraft School had a show of work + small sale in the afternoon, the proceeds of the latter going to Red + funds.
- 5th Miss Preston arrived for a visit.
- Advent 6. At 5pm. the C.S.T.B. boarder girls gave an original + charming X'mas play. The Hostel children went - the Sisters, including S.I. + S.M. who were taken by Supo in the Hospital car.
- 7th Dr. Smit brought a party of 6 medical students to see the mission at the Hospital. All had tea in Superior's Office after their visit to St. Lueji.
- 8th 3rd of the Conception of the B.V.M. S. Mary's girls gave a delightful entertainment in the pm. - with much more variety than usual. Among the items were singing, skipping, waud. drilling + a well acted play (written by S.D.) The finale was a carol in front of a beautiful crib - made by S.H.C. who had also done the stage decorations well.
- 9th Primary school concert 5-9 pm. to which all the girls + several of the Sisters went.
- 10th St. Lueji's day was kept at the Hospital to day. Sung mass in the am. The nurses had festival tea in the afternoon. The nactear girls left to day.
- 11th Schools closed - There was school from 8-12, but girls began to go from 9 am onwards. By the end of the day only one girl whose fees were not paid was left. Kuyiswa + Jessie Luxande came as holiday servants.
- 12th Worker's mass threatening.

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December 14th S.R. Mary to Mbotswana for M.V. meeting. She went by the lorry, picked up her horse in Tsolo. Heavy rain set in.

Hospital Committee meeting at 11. am.

15th S.R. Mary returned having had to hire a car in Tsolo as the weather was so bad.

O Sapientia. 16th To-day we began to say aloud the additional Psalms not said in the day hours, inserting them between the 1st & 2nd lessons after Terce & Vespers respectively.

17th S.M. in bed all day with cold.

18th Advent retreat, conducted by Dean Stewart of Umtata, began with address at 7.30 pm.

19th Advent Retreat - addresses at 9.30 am & 4 pm. All Sisters ^{except S. E. V.} in retreat, but S. Snp^r was called out for some hours to a maternity case.

Advent 4. 20th At Mass to-day in the Church, which was at 8. am, our Bishop, who arrived on the Mission on Thursday, ordained Godfrey Metywa to the Diaconate & Michael Gumma to the Priesthood. This is our Bishop's last visit to the Mission as Diocesan, as he retires in February, so at his own request, all Europeans were invited to tea at S. Mary's ^{at 3.45 pm} to meet him & say good-bye. Thirteen had tea in the refectory (7 tables) - & at the end of the party all went to C.M.V. Chapel to receive the Bishop's blessing.

He shook hands with all at the west door as they came out.

F. J. S. Thomas 21st ~~Morning~~ ^{evening} Afternoon performance of the Bethlehem Tableaux in Church. The Tableaux are produced by Miss Wallace & S. Henry Clare - S.F.M. & S.A.I. are helping with music.

22nd Bethlehem Tableaux again, afternoon evening. The Sisters went in the evening.

Christmas Eve. 24th The Crib, made by S.H.C, was in the sanctuary again on the second step, on the left hand side. It was blessed at 11.30 - pm. just before the Midnight Mass, (sung by S. Young) at which all our household communicated. Arthur & his wife & seven - Miss Tillard & 4 ladies from Key Cottage came.

Christmas Day. In the refectory was a charming model of a country Church

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8th S.R.M. Sr. Marcella did some African visiting in the farm.

9th Sr. Marcella to Key Cottage for am. tea. At 3.15 pm. there was a party for the Chepeta Sisters of C. St. B. It began with a visit to the Grib & Carots; then followed tea in the Refectory - whose tables were prettily & comically decorated. Games on the stoep on the garden followed - after which it was time for our guests to go to Xhosa evening. It was a very happy party.

Sun. in Oct: 10th Miss Rose came to tea.

11th Sr. Joyce left after a visit of nearly 7 weeks. She joined 2 Key Cottage ladies in a car to Umata. Sr. D., Sr. Marcella & Miss C. went for a picnic in the afternoon.

13th Sr. Marcella went to Kokstad, by Sr. Superior's arrangement, to look after two native girls (All Saints' pupils) who are visiting the oculist.

14th Sr. Marcella returned from Kokstad having much enjoyed the trip.

15th Sr. Flora Mary returned from E. London

16th Two very heavy storms. Several Sisters went down to see the river in flood. a wonderful sight.

Epiphany II. 17th Sr. Sup: went out for a patient in the am. Mrs. Anders, Christopher & Ruth came to tea. The C. M. V. Annual retreat conducted by Sr. Dakers. S.S.I.B. began with Pt. Address at 7.30 am. There was no light owing to yesterday's storms. All the C. M. V. sisters, ten in number were in retreat & Sr. Marcella C.S.C.

The time table was as usual except for following variations: -

9 am. Texe. followed by lessons & Psalms 9.30 am Address.

4.5 pm. Address. 6 pm. Vespers - followed by lessons & Psalms.

22nd The retreat ended with a sung Mass at 6.45 am., served by Arthur. Sr. Marcella left by our lorry - Sr. Euphemia also, with a large party for Mbokotwana. She hopes to visit Mbokotwana, then return to Jolo for afternoon bus to All Saints. At 12.40 pm. S.S. set out for S. Barnabas to take Miss Robertson & Miss Caine for a few days' holiday. Sr. Dakers & Sr. D. went with Ken for the drive. S.S. & Sr. D. returned about 5.30 pm having failed

1943. to get to Mlaza. First, on the Rainey Mission route they struck in deep mud for an hour, then on returning to Umata they found the bridge on the Libode road well under water! After arranging for their passengers to stay at the Royal, all went for a picnic to Umata Falls, which were magnificent after the recent heavy rains, then S.S., S.D. & J. Dakers returned to St. Cutbert's.

Epiphany 11th 24th Our Chaplain, Fr. Young S.S.I.E, who has just been appointed a Military Chaplain, gave us a sung mass this am. at 7. Miss Graham to tea.

Conversion 25th S. Gw. returned from Mbokotwana: also Miss Moore from her holiday. S. Paul. There was a Staff meeting in the Gibson Hut at 5 pm - to which S.D. & S.E. went from their home. Solemn Vespers at 6 pm.

26th S. Sup. had a call to Ngqeka in the late afternoon.

27th Miss Robertson returned at mid-day. Boarders returned. There was very heavy rain in the afternoon & evening: 29 girls were here for supper. The mid-week opening has been planned to see whether the numbers would be better than when schools opened on Monday. Mrs. Jocelina & Bertha C.S.I.B. came to live here - for the Quarter. The former is to be the Girls matron - the latter is to be her companion out of school hours & help with charges.

29th Board Meeting at S. Lucy's at 3 pm.

30th S. Sup. called out to a case in the late afternoon.

February 1943.

1st At 7.10^{pm} we assembled in Chapel where Fr. Young gave us his blessing, before shaking hands with us outside the porch. Confessions followed. St. Rachel had a meeting there with for the Abakokelikazi - whom S. Sup. also addressed.

F. of the 2nd Purification. 5.45 am. A lovely Sung Candlemass - as Fr. Young's last service to us. Our ladies Miss Wallace came. Arthur failed to come as Kwiefer so 2 Sisters did the incense. Fr. Young left the Mission to catch the Kokstad bus at 9.15/8.00 in order to begin his work with the forces.

3rd S.S. to Tsolo - to court - in the am. Inebica also went for drive & shopping.

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4. A days visitors: Dr. Smil. brought a party who had am. tea in the parlour later Fr. Bowen & Fr. Murray came who were with a party from Quimber. Sr. Editha & S.F. Mary went out for a dinner picnic. S. Sup: to Tolo in the afternoon to take Fr. Wakers to the bus. Miss Robertson went for the device.
Sr. R. had M.V. meeting.
5. At 2.30pm. S.S. accompanied by S. Eu. set out to meet Mother Formica in Tolo, who is coming for a visit. They arrived back about 4pm.
6. In the afternoon Mother P. + 4 Sisters went for a tea picnic.
9. S. R. to Beke for M.V.
11. Mother went to Key Cottage to tea in the p.m.
12. Address in Chapel by Fr. Superior at 4.30pm. S. Sup: had a night call to Nombala.
13. S.D. in retreat. At 9.30 am. a party left for Umata. It consisted of Mother, S.S., S. Eu. & Fr. Horton Smith. S.S.J.E. All had 11 am. tea at Bishopsmead where the two latter had C.I.B. business with the Bishop. After tea, Mother & S.S. shopped - then called for S. Eu., after which they lunched in town. They returned at 3.30pm. In the evening the S. Mary's girls gave a short Variety Entertainment for Mother, at the end of which she presented each girl with a brooch brought with her from Pretoria.
15. In the morning Mother went up to C.I.B. In the afternoon S. Superior took Mother + 3 Sisters to Spang. The Bishop's resignation takes effect to day. S.R.M. to Nombala for M.V.
16. Mother had am. tea with the Wrights - in the p.m. went to watch the Country dancing in the School Hall.
17. Mother had afternoon tea at the Guest House. Fr. Key, who is appointed our Confessor in the place of Fr. Young, came for shrivings at 4.15pm.
18. Sr. Ed. in retreat - Mother also in retreat from 11 am. S.D. had women's meeting in the p.m.
19. Mother in retreat till 11 am. At 7.30pm. some of the Europeans on the Mission entertained Mother in the School Hall - Mr. Wright playing piano solos & accompanying, Mr. Young singing & reciting, Miss Moore accompanied by S.F.M. gave several

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