

29th S. Superior in retreat. Homecraft School Inspection.

F. of S. Andrew.

30th S. Editha, S. Faith & S. Christian in retreat. V. hot day. Wayfarers' Concert in the afternoon. Several Sisters went to it for a time. Fr. Callaway went to Post. S. Johns for a visit.

DECEMBER 1935

2nd The Itinerary was said for S. Dorothea directly after mass. She left for England at 7.45 via Mackay. S. Superior & S. Doris accompanied her to Mackay, returning shortly after 2 pm. A party of teachers from Shawburg Mission came over about 8 pm to see the Mission.

3rd Very troublesome time with filling in girls latrine - As the earth was put in objectionable fluid etc came out - smell v. bad - workmen unable to do anything at present. Men came to dig pit for us also. S.S. went to S. Aug. to examine handwork & n'work, returning after dinner. M. U meeting in the afternoon.

4th Father Horton Smith called in the morning - he is going to take our Advent Retreat (Dec: 17) also our Annual retreat. Telegram from S. Dorothea also pm. telling of safe arrival & good journey.

S. NICHOLAS DAY

6th S. Superior to Mass Breakfast at S. Aug. - S.S. stayed to judge 2 competitions. Some to morning tea - & several, including S. Euphemia to the Christmas tree in the evening. A very happy day for all at S. Aug.

7th A school day for all schools except S. Aug. Refectory muddled. Very hot - but no rain.

ADVENT II

F. of the Conception

8th S. Editha in bed all day. She has been poorly all week with a boil.

9th In the evening the children gave a concert to which representatives of all the households came. S. Superior brought Mr. Green, a visitor, also Dean Hallward.

10th Chapel muddled inside. Homecraft School party in the afternoon - School Choir competition & play - to which some Sisters went.

11th S. Euphemia went to Mookotwana to fetch the C.S.I.B. Sisters home for the holidays. S. Superior went to S. Augustines to give away prizes. Fr. Key came to give away Homecraft School prizes at 2.30.

12th Schools broke up abt. 10 am. All children living in the parish were allowed to go home. Transport arrangements were in the hands of Fr. Horton. Smith. Umtata lorries came promptly & were off from here before 3 pm. (2 lorries - 1 luggage, 1 passenger.)

S. LUCY'S DAY

13th Tractor lorries came at 3.30 am. & took lorry at 5.30. S. Rachel saw the children off. Several Sisters to S. Lucy's Mass - All Sisters to morning tea with Hospital Staff & S.S.I.G. - Miss Howe here examining Out. Station needlework. The teachers were fed here. S. Euphemia went to bed in the morning in Mother's room, very sore & one rather swollen foot. Teachers kept here in the evening.

14th Mass here in the morning at 6.20 - some went to it then onto workers Mass. & Communicated at workers Mass. The meeting was quite pleasant. But there was nothing outstanding about it. Miss Waldron left for Christmas holidays in the am.

S. Euphemia in bed all day - but feet better -

ADVENT III

15th The C.I.B. Sisters Annual retreat began after Evensong, also Joyce's Clothing retreat.

16th The C.S.M.V. Advent retreat began with address after supper - taken by Fr. Horton. Smith.

17th Advent Retreat - 18th Miss Beamish left for her holiday -

19th Joyce was clothed at 7 am. in our Chapel - the C.I.B. retreat ended. It was a grey day after a thunderstorm, with rain in the night. Hospital Committee meeting in the afternoon. Mission Boxes arrived. Olive removed cement slabs from Girls latrine.

20th At mid day M^{rs} Green arrived - she is doing holiday duties at the Hospital during Miss Beamish' absence. In the evening S. Felicitas, S. Dorothy Joan from Pretoria arrived, also S. Margt. Dorothea of Bloemfontein.

F. O. S. Thomas.

Mission Boxes unpacked. S.D.J. to bed after morning tea - v. tired after journey. S. Felicitas developed bad cold.

ADVENT I.

10th S. Felicitas in bed most of the day. Bethlehem Tableaux in Church after Xmas Evensong.

23. Miss Sheppard came down from Ntumbu to stay for Xmas. Parly to the Bush for Xmas decorations.

Xmas Eve. 24th Very busy & happy day. Sisters were responsible for all Church decorations. P. Evensong & Xmas with 8 Baptisms @ 4.30. Vespers 6.15. Compline, Nocturnes & Lauds @ 8pm. About 15 of our children came to sleep - they had been nicely prepared for - bread cooked etc. & were very happy.

Xmas Day 25th Mass in our Chapel 6.15 to which all Europeans came, also Rev. S.I.P. Xmas Masses in Church 6.30 & 8.30. All met at dinner in Refectory. midday. All on the Mission came to tea in the Parlour in the afternoon. In the evening all Sisters & nuns went to C.S.I.P. to supper. Their room was most prettily decorated - rather supper here were lantern slides, with gramophone records & carols.

S. Stephens Day. 27th A party went up to S. Augustine's to morning tea. Mr. Meaker, a member of the Provincial Council Mayor of Umtata, came out to see S. Augustine's - & hear all that he could about it, to see if he can obtain help for us from the State. S. Christian & S. Superior went up to S. Aug's to the meeting. A party went to afternoon tea here. The day turned cold & drizzly - & the weather considerably reduced numbers at Hospital tea party - & Christmas Tree in the evening. The tree was v. pretty - after the present distribution - Christmas lantern slides were shown & Xmas hymns & carols sung. The party ended about 8.45. A good many women & children left here -

28th A cold fresh day. S. Felicitas, S. Christian, S. Rachel & S. Dorothy Joan went for dinner picnic. S. Margt. Dorothea & Miss Edward's for tea picnic.

30th Miss Sherrard left for Ntumbu at 7 am. Freddie accompanied her en route way up the Majaba. Sherrard was riding the rest of the way to Ntumbu with Sikiyela - In the afternoon the Xmas Tree was lighted up again & about 100 Bele ^{S. Cuthbert's} ~~Nomkhala~~ children came. Each had a small present & sweets, lantern slides were shown after tea.

31st S. Editha D. Scott rode into Tolo to see some girls off who are going to work in Kirkstad. They left at 6. & returned about 11. am. Some Heleni Payns came to see S. Margt. Dorothea. Nice gentle rain in the evening & all through the night.

JANUARY 1936.

F. of the Circum-
cision

- 1st S. Annette & S. Esme left at 7.15 am - the former for her rest at Kloof. The latter to work at Irene. Showers of rain off on throughout the day. S. Christian & S. Rachel went to live at S. Augustines.
- 2nd All visitors of S. Editha went for picnic at 9 am. - taking two girls to carry etc. The Rev. Playall, who is working for the Blind in Cape Town, called in the morning. Miss Parker arrived in the evening.
- 3rd Hot wind all day. In the afternoon 50 Homhala children saw the Holes' lantern slides - had sweets -

- 4th Cold wind & mist - no rain.
- 5th Miss Robertson came to tea. She is staying with Mrs. Scott.
- 6th In the evening S. Sup^r & the visiting Sisters went up to S. Augustines to supper.

Epiphany

- 7th Forty three of the Mothers Union members saw the Holes' slides in the P. Hall & had a tea party afterwards. On leaving each woman was given 1oz tea & 2 sugar sticks - 2 sugar sticks. S. Euphemia went to bed in the afternoon - v. tired.
- 8th S. Marg^t Dorothea in retreat. The Pretoria Sisters went with S. Christian & S. Rachel up the Kwaana. They were out all day - & got to the top. S. Euphemia in bed & resting in her room all day.

- 9th Dr. Keeble & Jean & Kestie called this morning also Ruth Butler ^{S. Euphemia resting}
- 11th S. Felicitas & S. Dorothy Joan in retreat.

EPIPHANY. I

- 12th Very hot. Storm & some rain in the afternoon. Miss Streets Streets came to tea. Heavy storm & rain in the evening - 3/4" rain. S. H. P. went to stay at S. Aug. S. Rachel returned.
- 13th S. Marg^t Dorothea left this am. Very hot - Miss Monica Carrichael called at 11 - S. Doris poorly at Complaine - with eye attack.
14. Cold drizzly day. S. Doris had attack at Nine o'clock to bed.
15. Visiting sisters, S. Sup^r, S. M. P. & S. Faith went for picnic to Inxer at midday till 5.30. Exceedingly hot day. S. D. poorly all day - fears return of glaucoma. Acting on Doctor Keeble's advice we decided to send her to Pretoria to-morrow to get expert advice.
16. S. Felicitas, S. Dorothy Joan & S. Doris left for the Tamvaal at 7.15 am. after early mass & breakfast. Mother P. was

wired as to what had been done was asked to try for an appointment ~~for~~ with Dr. Brinton for Saturday am.

Slight rain in evening. Sr. Euphemia poorly; went to bed in afternoon.

17th Sr. Euphemia in bed all day. Wire from Mother P. saying she would meet travellers at Germiston that she had an appointment for S.D. with Dr. Brinton at eleven Saturday -

18th Sr. Euphemia up from 11 - 6.30. Grey, chilly day with shower. No news from Transvaal. Bitterly cold evening & night.

19th V. cold morning. S.S. up to S. Aug to morning Tea. P. Callaway called. Some showers during day - v. cold all day. Sr. Euphemia to Mass - then to bed before vesper.

20th Sr. Eu in bed to breakfast - then returned to own premises. Wire from Mother P. Brinton says Doris never has had one eye will have glaucoma - merely needs change of glasses. News of the King's grave illness was given at Evensong last night - v. grave news to day - there seems small hope of recovery.

21st As soon as Ref. Office was opened this morning, we heard of the passing of our King - last night. R.I.P.

23rd St. Annette returned from her rest in the evening about 5.30. She looks v. rested & well - Sr. Faith went up to spend night at S. Aug.

24th Heard by mail to-day that the C.B.S. is giving us "a Tabernacle safe for perpetual use in the Community Chapel. D.G.

Dr. Mrs. Meas came to the Hospital in the afternoon brought their infant son Mrs. Scott brought a party of visitors round - from Holy + Kwa magwaza.

26th Annual retreat, conducted by Fr. Horton. Smith. S.S. 16 began after Evensong. Only 8 Sisters were at home for it.

31st Retreat ended this morning -

Imp Watson arrived at midday. At 3.15 Sr. Superior went into town to meet Sr. Olive Irene, who is coming to work at S. Augustines for a few months. She did not get back till 9.45 as the bus was v. late.

1936.

FEBRUARY.

F. of the Purification -

- The new frontal, made by Sr. Euphemia, was used for the first time. The children returned, quite well. There were 5/5 at supper.
- 3^d Mrs Edwards who has been working here since last April (at the hospital) left for a fortnight's rest at F. London, before going to Bloemfontein. She has been v. helpful here & felt in well. Mrs Scott & Dorothy left for a fortnight in England. Reginald went for a week's holiday. ^(see place) Mary Jandani.
- 4th S.S. had M.V. meeting in the afternoon.
- 5th S.S. 16 morning tea at S. Augustines. There are 23 boarders at present & 4 day scholars. Sr. Helen Smith came to Sisters Recreation.
- 6th Ndutandova did not come back to school. On enquiry, we found out that he had run away from home with all his things a week ago. Girls land at Hospital ~~has~~ planted with beans. Rain all day.
- 8th 11th Heavy rain all day. Sr. Doris arrived from Irene at 3.10 pm. She had been travelling since Wednesday. The bus only got as far as Mountfriere last night, hence the late arrival. Her new glasses seem to suit her v. well. Sr. Rachel in retreat. 3 1/2" rain.
- SEPTUAGESIMA.
- 10th Sunday after steady night's rain. Heavy shower in afternoon. S. Superior to tea in Hospital Dayroom which has been done up & looks v. nice.
- 11th S. Superior To Shyieweni, but no women present.
- 12th S. Superior took S.S. S. Eu & S. Abunda to Mbotobwana for the blessing opening of the new schoolroom which has been put up for the Handcraft work of C.S.I.B. here. They left at 9.30 am & returned at 6.30 pm after a v. happy day - heavy S. Eu. behind till Friday.
- 13th Mr. Meares' first baby was baptized at S. Catharines to-day. Exceedingly hot day. S.S. had girl confirmation candidates at 11 am & to help with first confessions - Thunder & rain in afternoon. Staff Council at 5 pm. Proposed 'tea coffee shop' was spoken of, also new grinding machine, also observance of public holidays. Sweet peas were planted, but a good many dug up by Gyps immediately.
- 14th Sr. Euphemia came back by post-car. Mrs Bernard arrived at 3 pm, having cycled down from Neembe. The Bishop came to the Mission & called in the evening -

15th The Bishop confirmed 160 candidates in the afternoon. Henrietta Uthwa, Monica Makuluwa Strabel Makeni from the Hostel.

He seems splendidly well. Exceedingly hot day.

Sexagesima

16th Exceedingly hot & heavy. The Bishop preached at the 9 o'clock Mass. There was a meeting afterwards to welcome him back to the Diocese to express our gratitude for his recovery. Good rain & storm in the afternoon. Bishop to tea in Parlour.

17th At 11.15 am a Conference was held in S. Superior's office re S. Augustine's position. Present the Bishop, Bishop of S. John's, the Salesian Superior, Fr. Horton, Smith S. Superior S. Euphemia. The whole matter was reviewed, but no definite decision was come to.

A wire was received from Mrs Deane in the morning telling of safe arrival & good journey.

The Bishop called again in the evening.

18th The Bishop left the Mission this morning - Mrs Sherrard returned to Keemba. S. Sup. to tea at S. Aug.

19th S. Superior in retreat. Mrs Beamish returned after 2 months holiday. S. Mary Baptist came down from S. Aug. where she has been living since January - Big storm in evening.

20th S. Annette in retreat. At 2 pm S. Sup. went to Umkata to meet Mrs Deane who is coming to work at S. Augustine. Mrs. Greene, who has been on night duty at the Hospital went down in the car, also Sr. Faith just for the drive. S. Sup. stayed with the Dean.

21st S. Sup. Mrs Deane arrived about 12.15 - went straight up to S. Aug. where S. Sup. stayed for dinner. Sr. Editha went to Hongxola.

22nd S. M.P.D. in retreat. Mrs Deane came down in the morning & saw people things. Sr. Editha returned about 3.30 pm.

Quinquagesima 23rd Mrs Deane came to tea in the Parlour in the afternoon. V. Chilly - we had a fire.

24th Sr. Annette went out on Sipo (with James) to review her riding. She hopes to undertake Beck Sunday School.

SHROVE TUESDAY 25th Sr. Euphemia resting in bed in Mother's room all day. Fr. Horton, Smith came for confessions at 2.30. Sr. Editha to Lenca.

ASH WEDNESDAY 26th Imposition of ashes before Mass. (Fr. Young.) Sr. Euphemia, Faith & Doris in retreat. Sr. Euphemia poorly all day, went to bed after dinner.

- 27th S. Annette out riding in the morning. S. Euphemia better, got up about 11 a.m.
- 28th S. Olive Irene in retreat. S.S. up to St. Anns in the morning as Miss Deane had a cable telling of her sisters death. 'P. Sup' gave us a meditation in the evening at 5:30.
- 29th S. Editha & S. Christian in retreat. S. Superior & S. Euphemia up to St. Anns for requiem Mass breakfast.

MARCH 1936.

LENT I.

- 1st S. Annette went over to Bele in the afternoon to take S. School which had been dropped since S. M. Baptista's illness last June. She had 4 children. "Stainer" music practices begun in the evening.
- 2nd P. Provincial called in the morning. S.S. to St. Anns for tea.
- 3rd S. Editha Miss Beamesh to Ntshigo for M. U. meeting. S.S. M. U. meeting here.

Very hot day -

- 6th S. Dorothy CR. arrived to spend week-end - She is visiting various native centres - preparatory to working at Penalonga, ~~Frederica~~
- 7th S. Rachel in retreat - Frederica to Kotano for a few days -
- 8th Very hot day with storm & good rain in the evening - Stainer practice.
- 9th S. Dorothy left with W. Meers - She is going on to E. London & then to England for 3 months -

10th S. Editha Miss Beamesh to Noyongwana for M. U. meeting.

11th Committee meeting re future of S. Augustines in S.S. office 11.15 - 1 pm. It was practically decided to carry on to accept D.F.B. after of £100. pa. to try for another voluntary worker - + a Coloured teacher -

12th S.S. had women's Meeting in the afternoon.

13th Frederica returned about 3.30, having ridden from Kotano, after a pleasant little holiday. Lent med. at 5.30.

14th S. Rachel took the children to the forest -

15th S. Euphemia poorly, went to bed early. Mr. Headley, who has come to take charge of Guest House during Mr. Scott's absence, came to tea.

16th S. Euphemia resting in bed all day.

17th Tabernacle safe from C.B.S. in England arrived today. This is steel

LENT III.

beautifully fitted up inside - ready for use. Mrs Deane called in the morning. Fr Superior went to Mbokotwana at 2.30pm. taking Sr Euphemia & Sr. Dora with him. They returned at 8pm. Sr. Editha to Bele for M. V. Meeting. The ladies came over took Fredricka back to see a good film in Jolo. They returned just before midnight.

S. Joseph's Day.

19th S. Superior to S. Aug. in the morning: stayed to dinner. Mrs Deane poorly. The Tabernacle safe was fitted into the case to day - Fr Horlon Smith Mr. Davis spent much time - The latter had to take the Tabernacle case to pieces & plane it.

S. Gilbert's Day.

20th Mrs Deane still poorly with temperature. It was decided that S.O.I. must stay out of retreat to-morrow took after Sr. Aug.

21st Corporate Lent Retreat conducted by Fr. Young. S.S.I. & E. All Sisters took part except S.O.I. Exceedingly hot day.

MID LENT SUNDAY.

22 A lovely rain to refresh us. Tea in the parlour. No evening song. The Misses Reeve called - they are staying for week end.

23rd Still raining, after steady gentle rain all night. D.G. } S. Aug. Committee meeting in the afternoon

24th Rain all day. Fr Horlon Smith came for confessions.

LADY DAY.

25 Beautiful clear day. Bro. Simuel took 1st vows in the Father's Chapel at 6.15 am. - S. Superior up to Sr. Augustines to tea.

26th Sr Olive Irene in retreat. Sr. Editha to Senca.

27th Mrs Deane came to spend the week to have a little "cossetting" after flu. Outside teachers slept in Classroom I.

28th Rain all day. Workers Mass & Quarterly meeting. All Sisters went to the mass & nearly all to the meeting.

LENT V

29th Rain all day. Tea in Parlour with fire.

30th Rain all day. Mrs Deane went back to Sr. Aug.

31st Sr. Annette poorly with severe headache: stayed in bed all day. Sr. Editha Mrs Beamish walked to Elujecwani in the afternoon - It cleared slightly at times. There were no women to meet Sr. E. This is the 2nd time this has happened at this place this quarter.

APRIL 1936.

- 1st S'Annette better, but had breakfast in bed. Fine day & hot.
Mrs Rowe & Mrs Hulcheam (C) called in the morning & saw round the Compound.
- 2nd S. Superior up to 8th Aug. for a Committee meeting in the morning. v. hot.
- 3rd Mrs Agar left for her holiday at 7 a.m. 1st Performance of Stainer at 7.15.
- 4th Mrs Walrod resting all day. Mrs Sheppard came down for Holy week. Stainer Performance in the evening. Very good.
We began saying Complines, Nocturnes, Prayers together Kuri Holy week.

PALM SUNDAY. 5th All as usual - both in Church & Chapels. K.G. Palm procession v. pretty: over 100 children took part. The Sisters did not go to Evensong, so that the night Offices might be begun at 8 p.m. S. Doris poorly, resting most of the day: went to bed early.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK 6th There was a sung mass at Church at 8.30 - for the schools - Sisters went or not as they chose. Evensong in 8th Lucas at 5.15 - followed by Vespers in our Chapel. Night Offices 8 p.m. S. Doris up, but v. poorly: went to bed early.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 7th S.D. in bed for breakfast still 11 a.m. All services etc as yesterday. S.D. to bed early.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WK. 8th All services as yesterday. S.D. better. S. Faith in retreat. latrine in garden moved. New pit for other latrine begun to be dug.

THURSDAY IN HOLY WK. 9th All services as yesterday. After mass the Blessed Sacrament was taken to the vestry of S. Lucy's Chapel. Mrs Walrod went to Umbata for Easter.

GOOD FRIDAY. 10th All as usual. Fr. Key conducted the Three Hours Devotion in our Chapel. He began with the Lament, Reproaches & Veneration of the T.

HOLY SATURDAY. 11th Busy day of preparation. At 2.30 p.m. we had the Blessing of the New Fire, the bringing back of the Blessed Sacrament, sheepers (Fr. Key.) At Evensong the Twins were baptized -

EASTER DAY. 12th Mass at 6. in our Chapel. Many people called after High Mass - including many old girls.

EASTER MONDAY. 13th Cloudy day - but S. Annette & S. Raehle took all children for a picnic. They started about 10.45 & returned after a happy time at 5 p.m.

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