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- May 29. After supper S.S. went into Tsolo for post - S.R.M. accompanied her
- ASCENSION 30 All the Sisters except S. Eu, S. M. & S. H. V. went for a picnic to
DAY. the Dam with the girls. Local children went to their homes
after the Sung Mass. Solemn Vespers 5.30 pm -
The day finished with a festive supper in the Community Room
- 31st Public Holiday - The 37 girls left behind had a v.
enjoyable day with sports & games.

JUNE

1st S.R.M. in retreat.

3rd Sr. Marcia left for her rest at Grahamstown. Sr. D. H. & Sr. M. M. took her
to Umfata after an early supper.

4th Sisters Dorothy Helen & Winiped Dealey to Tsolo after an early lunch.
They had been asked to be judges at a Women's Institute show.

7th Devotions. Sr. D. H. in Retreat.

8th Eve of Pentecost. Baptisms & Solemn Erensong at 4.30 p.m. We
attended. Party from Umfata said over hospital, & tea in parlour.

PENTECOST. Miss Deight (guest mistress) & Miss Muriel Adams (a worker
at All Saints) to tea in p.m. Sr. D. made a v. charming

Sketch of the river.
10 Display of work & dancing at the Weaving School at 2 p.m.

12 Address in Chapel from Father Young at 4.15 p.m.

13 Dr. Irving is going to stay with M^{rs} Buckley at Urongs for
a week. Sr. M. M. took her into Tsolo by ambulance to
catch the bus. (Also took 6 boarders & Freddie) Had a
flat rear tyre not far from home; but changed wheel with
speed, & in plenty of time for the bus.

Primary School repeated their Choir Competition songs under
the oaks at 11 a.m. Thereafter a Hospital Committee
meeting in the "tea room." After dinner, Sr. M. M.
took a visitor: - Dr. Moffat, out on a call by car; up
the Nywenka. He came to tea in the parlour on his
return, & then went round the hospital. A lovely load
of children left at 2 p.m.

14 Lorries supposed to be coming for boarders at 5.30 a.m. but they did

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June 14 not appear until 6.30 a.m. nearly all except the walking children left
then, as there was no 'arranged' lorry in the p.m. Some of the walkers planned
for Harvey to fetch them from here about 1.30 p.m. which he did, with a
party from St. John's College already on board. Freda Somkhahle & Yuzelusa
Luxande are being the 'holiday girls' this time, & are sleeping here.
Sr: D. not well, she got up but had to go back to bed with a cold & slight tempo:

15 Sr: F. M. in Retreat. Sr: D. in bed all day.

TRINITY
SUNDAY.

Sr: M. M. had a call to Ntshigo to a maternity case, at 9 a.m. Went in
ambulance (v. rough drive off the road to wards Etyeni) & brought in the
patient; also a sick girl. M^{rs} Scott & Miss Tillard to Tea. Sr: R. M. & Sr: M. M.
took Sr: D. H. to UmTala at 4 p.m. as she is going to Cape Town for her rest.
A glorious moonlight night. Sr: D. in bed all day.

17 Sr: D. up for dinner & Tea; but temp: up in evening, so is not to repeat
the experiment to-morrow. Sr: M. M. had call for ambulance to Upper
Mjika; so went after dinner taking Sr: Winifred desily for drive, & brought in
patient.

Corpus
Christi.

20 High Mass at 8.30 but congregation very small. Sr: Euphemia had cold.

21 Dr: Irving returned from holiday, Sr: R. M. & Sr: M. A. pic-nic to komhala Devotions.

22 Workers' meeting. Mass in C.M.V. Chapel at 6.10 a.m. In Church's unusual
at 9 a.m. A few of the mistresses slept here -

23 Miss Walrond (who is staying at the Guest House) to Tea. Evensong
without Sermon.

24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist. All C.S.T.B. away resting, except one
Sister, one novice, one Postulant. Very cold day. Sr: D. Sr: W. d.
Sr: M. A. & Sr: M. M. in Retreat. All fathers went off to UmTala to Missionary
Conference.

26 Into Isolo with Sr: R. M. to meet Miss Drene - who didn't come! Heard
later she was due to arrive in Isolo on 28th:

27 Octave of Corpus Christi. Profession at Wantage, so talked all day.
Sr: R. M. & Sr: W. d. pic-nic to Monkey Mountain. Sr: J. & Sr: M. A.
Went sketching in p.m.

28 Went in ambulance with Sr: D. ^{Isolo to} meet Sr: Marcia returning from her
rest at Grahamstown, & Miss Drene who is coming to nurse at St. duoy
She came out on the Carnarvon. Her sister is Miss Drene of the
Weaving School - came back in car & left ambulance for minor repairs.

SS. Peter &
Paul. 29

Mass in C.M.V. Chapel & in Church to-day, as Fr: Young came out last

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June 29. night for one night, bringing Fr. Bacon (St. Mark's) with him.
Sr: M. M. went into Isob in p.m. in Mission car, & brought back the ambulance which had been in dry dock. Sr: E. in Retreat.

Trinity II 30th Sung Matins at 9 a.m. Synod Sunday, i.e. no priests here.

JULY

Miss Walrond came to tea. Kvensong without address.

Feast of the Visitation. No Mass. Sr: Euphemia, who has been sleeping down here for a week, returned to S.T.B. complete with cold in head & chest. Sr: D. sketched after dinner.

3rd Most of Hospital staff were up all night with Maternity Cases. Sr: Dorothea & Sr: Flora Mary had a lunch pic-nic.

4th Mass in Church, as the Synod ended yesterday, & Father Superior returned. Fr: Yang goes for his rest to-day.

Dr: Rogers is at the Guest House for the night, & came to tea with Sr: M. M. Sr: Margaret Antony climbed Kwanza with Sr: Tabitha & Nurse Miriam C.S.B. Sr: H. V. in Retreat (for June)

5th Mothers' Union Council & Diocesan Board of Medical Missions met in UmSafa. Hospital car took Fr Superior & Sr: M. M. to latter, & Sr: Rachel Mary & Sr: Mnia C.S.B. to former - Sr: M. M. driving.

All pic-niced on way home, & reached here in time for tea. Sr: Marcia, not feeling well, had a day in bed.

6th Pic-nic planned for the afternoon had to be cancelled, as there was a gale blowing, & dust in solid clouds.

Trinity III
(in before)

Mass at 6.30 as Fr: Superior had to go into Isob for Mass there also. A party from Mlaza were expected for tea, but they did not stay. Miss Ramsey & Miss Leigh to tea. Sr: D. had her sketches on view in The Workroom. Kvensong without address.

10th Sr: R. M. went off by lorry bus to Jungululu. She is going to have M. U. meetings at Mhlakulu, & return on Friday.

Hospital Board meeting at the Nurses' Home at 3 p.m. Sr: W. d. had a lesson on new gears from Herbert.

12th Sr: Mary Richmal & Sr: Pauline S.S.T.D. arrived from Durban for their rest. Sr: W. d. took the car into Isob in the a.m. & brought out Sister Dorothy Helen - back from her rest at Cape Town, & Sr: R. M.

13th The Boarders began to arrive back. Sr: M. M. took Miss Drove into Isob to meet her sister who has been in Rhodesia for a holiday.

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July. 13. After dinner Sr: Maritzburg & Sr: D. went up the majaba with Sr: Kate
Lofely Views. Home again for tea.

Trinity IV. Bishop Ferguson Davie who is visiting the Mission, said The
7 a.m. Mass in Church.

15. Schools re-open. The boarders have returned well. Miss Peddie
came to visit the Housecraft School; but not to inspect. After a.m.
tea the Maritzburg Sisters went up to S.J.B. In the p.m. a party
from All Saints came to see over the hospital.

16. S. Mary Richmal went out with Miss Huskinson in the am. In the afternoon
S. Pauline went with S.R.M. to Spang's - taking a tea-picnic.

17. At 8.15 am S.S. driving the Hospital car, & accompanied by S.H.V. & S.W.L.
(to bring car home) & 2 nurses, set out for Irene Tsolo, en route for
Irene where she is going for her rest.

18. S.F. Mary, who is expecting to go home soon, began to have a rest here.
In the afternoon Miss Drove went to Umqqa flats in the ambulance
(Sandy driving), did not return till 7.30 pm. Mrs. Payne came to see
S. M. R. - they had tea in the Parlour.

19. S.M. in retreat. In the afternoon Bp. Ferguson Davie called. Love
from S. Sup: telling of good journey & safe arrival.

20. S.M.A. in retreat. S.D. & S.F.M. took the Maritzburg Sisters for a
picnic 11 - 4.30 - up Kwangea. All had a happy day.

TRINITY V: 21 Bp. Ferguson Davie said Mass in our Chapel. Miss Huskinson
came to tea.

22. Had a wire from Grahamstown asking if S. Joanna could visit us next
Friday: replied, welcoming her.

23. In the afternoon S.W.L. took the visiting Sisters, S.F.M., S.R.M.
for a car picnic to the Inxu valley. Had a wire from Mother P. telling
us to expect S. Angela on Saturday.

24. S.F.M. took the Maritzburg Sisters for a picnic - (9.15 - 3pm)
They partly climbed Monkey Mountain & had glorious views.

F. of S. James. 25. A day of sightseeing for our visitors - Housecraft & Weaving Schools in
the am. - At 2.30 pm. S.F.M. took them to the Primary School to
hear the singing. Thunder storm & quite good rain in the early evening night.

26th At 8.15 am S.W.L. took the Maritzburg Sisters to Tsolo en route for

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July 26th Home returned with Sr. Joanna C.R. who is coming for her rest. Frederica went with her for the drive. She^{S.J.} went to bed after breakfast for the day.

27 A bitterly cold day with biting wind, rain, & sleet at intervals! There was snow on the mountains. S.W.L., accompanied by S.R.M. went to Tsoolo at 12.30 to meet Sr. Angela, who is coming for her rest. After dinner & a cup of tea - she went to bed for the rest of the day. S.D. in retreat. Miss Huskisson heard of her father's death.

TRINITY VI.

28 Cold continued, but wind dropped towards evening. A fire in S.S.' office all day for visitors & tea.

29. Weather good. S.D.H. in retreat. S.F.M. in bed all day with streaming cold.

30. S.Eu. in retreat. S.F.M. up after breakfast. S.J. to tea at Guest Home then for walk with Miss Dishburn. S.R. to Beke for women's meeting.

31. S.W.L. in retreat.

AUGUST

1st. Great excitement! S.F.M. had a wire from Mother P saying that passages had been obtained for her & Sr. Mary on the Carrarvon Castle & that they were to embark at Cape Town on the 19th.

At 2 p.m. S.W.L. took Dr. Irving, Miss Drewe & the 2 visiting Sisters to Adkins' Store, Lower Jenca. S.D. had women's meeting.

The visiting Sisters saw the Weaving School in the am.

2nd. S.Eu. came down in the am. took S.J. & S.A. up with her to see over C.J.B. premises which they much enjoyed.

3rd. S.R.M., on M.V. business bent, went up to Gqagala at 9.30 am, taking Sr. Angela & Miss Leigh with her. In the afternoon S.D. & S.M.A. took Sr. J. for a short tea picnic. The Gqagala party returned just before 5 p.m. after a lovely day.

TRINITY VII.

4th. Sr. Joanna in bed all day unwell.

5th. Public holiday. S.D. & S.M.A. took all the girls for a picnic to the Caves. S.D.H., S.A. S.W.L. & S.H.V. followed. Some returned early, some sketched & Sr. Angela went to the top of the mountain with the little girls.

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August

- For the ¹⁵ 6 The visiting Sisters saw the Homecraft School in the am.
- Transfiguration ¹⁶ S. Eu. to tea & Mass. Fr. Sng. called on the Visiting Sisters.
- F. of the Holy ¹⁷ S.R.M. to Umata at 8 am. on M.V. business. S. Joanna went to am. tea with Miss Graham. Solemn Vespers at 5 pm. S. Eu. to tea & Mass.
- Name. ¹⁸ S. Sng. returned from her rest. S.W.L. took the Hospital car in to meet her, was accompanied by S.M. S.R.M. had Women's Meeting. After Intercessions there was a meeting to tell us about Synod.
- ¹⁹ A grey cold day. S.D. & S.H.V. in retreat. The girls went to the forest to log so did not return till 6.30 pm.
- ²⁰ S.S. to Ntushuntushu in Ambulance accompanied by S. H.V.
- ²¹ S.F.M. & S. Angela in retreat.
- ²² S.R.M. in retreat. Address in Chapel 4.15 pm. At 7.30 the Nurses gave a farewell concert to S. Flora Mary to which all the Sisters went.
- ²³ S. Joanna C.R. in retreat. S. Angela went to Mbokotwana with S. Euphenia. Solemn Vespers of the Assumption at 8.30 pm. Talking supper for S.F.M. & S.R.M. who will be leaving tomorrow with maritime table decorations, cut outs & presents.
- F. of the Assumption ²⁴ The travellers were itinerated after Mass (in Chapel). Talking am. of m. teas in the Community Room. At 7.25 pm. S.S. took S. Flora Mary & S. Rachel Mary to Umata to embark for Cape Town. S.D. & S.A. went with them - SS & Sisters returned just after 11 pm.
- ²⁵ Dr. Irving left at 8 pm. for Umata in the Hospital car (with driver), en route for E. Gordon where she will have a short holiday. The Bishop of George, his wife, visiting the Mission to-day, came round S. Mary's Hospital in the afternoon. Devotions 5 pm.
- ²⁶ S.S. had a call to Ncaumbu. She left in the car at 10.40 - taking S.A. for the drive - & returned at 8 pm. S. Margaret's new Building was blessed at 2.30 pm. Most of the Sisters went to it & to the Concert which followed.
- ²⁷ Miss Tillard came to tea.
- ²⁸ S. Angela, who has finished her rest, was taken by S.S. to Tsoho, en route for Irene at 8.15 am. A wire from one traveller told of satisfactory

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August
Jubilee

- 19 journey to Capetown that sailing date was postponed till the 23rd.
21. In the afternoon S.S. took S. Joanna, S.M., S.H.V. + S.W.L. for a drive to Inxw. Store. The views were lovely.
22. S.S. r S.M. in retreat.
23. At 2.45pm. S.S. took S. Joanna C.P. to Umata en route for Grahamstown. S.D. accompanied them for dentistry r S.D.H. for drive r shopping.

F. of S. 24. S.S. had an Ambulance call to Isolo in the pm. Freddie went with her for the drive. In the afternoon all the girls went to S. Mary's for a concert in aid of the Building Debt.

TRINITY 25. Miss Drewe came to tea.

26. S.D.H. r S.H.V. in retreat.

27. Hostel meeting at 4.15 pm.

28. S.W.L. in retreat.

F. of S. John Baptist 29. At 8pm. all the Sisters went up to C.P. to share their festival. After inspection of the new Chapel, which is approaching completion, we had a delightful tea party + a difficult "word game". In the evening S.S. r Frederica went to fetch our servant Esther to her child who is critically ill in Hospital.

30. S. E. in retreat. In the afternoon a wire from Mother P. telling of 3 passages offered to her in October - + offering one for S.M. which S.S. accepted. 7.30pm. Prize Certificate r other presentations to Nurse Bella Tshazibana who has just completed her training. Miss Drewe gave the certificate r spoke there was a most happy games party, followed by party supper. Aserath Mamite came to take Esther's place pro. Fern.

31. S.D. in retreat (for Sept.) S.S. had calls am. r pm. Esther's child (Luzine Nomlala) died in the late evening.

SEPTEMBER

1. Doctor Rogers, staying at the Guest House, came to tea.

2. S. Euphemia left for Leribe where she is going to spend her rest. S.W.L. drove her to Isolo, r brought back D. Irving.

- September
5. S.S. had a call to Ngeele in the afternoon, Miss Drewe accompanied her.
6. In the am. S.W.L. & S.D.H. went to Spang's by car for shopping for the Girls' birthday next week. In the afternoon S.S. & S.M. went to see Mrs. Andersen at Lotana.

F. of S. Anthony

7. St. Anthony's Festival was kept to day. Early Masses 6.30 - Sung Mass at 8.30 at which all our girls communicated - Singing, Sports etc began at 1. pm. There was no Feast. The sports etc were very well organized & the children had a very happy day. Snp^r. had a call to Tsolo in the pm. Freddie went with ^{her for the drive.}

- F. of the Nativity
B.V.M.
8. Miss Athorpe Miss Aldridge came to tea.
9. S.S. had an Ambulance call to Nziyongwana in the am.
- h. of B.V.M.
11. The girls kept Keri's Birthday to day. Fr. Rumsey sang the Mass in our Chapel at 6. am., but had no server, or Assistant at the Distribution. Dining Hall was as usual, all prepared the night before, with presents etc. Girls were excused from Evensong & in the evening had a v. happy time with Country Dancing & Progressive Games. The latter were doubled & 2 sets went on simultaneously in Dining Hall & School Hall.
12. S.S. had an Ambulance call to Sixaxo in the afternoon.

- Holy Cross Day
14. S.H.V. in retreat.
16. S.D.H. in retreat. Hospital Committee meeting in S. Superior's office at 11.15 am.
18. S.W.L. in retreat. S.S. had an Ambulance call to Nkembu in the afternoon: S.H.V. went with her for drive.
19. S.S. in retreat. S.D. had women's meeting at 4. pm.
20. S.M. in retreat. S.S. had Ambulance call to Tsolo in the am. Hostel meeting in the p.m. Devotions 5. pm.

- F. of St. Matthew
21. S. ^{M. A} ~~S.W.L.~~ in retreat. At 12.30 pm. S.W.L. took the Hospital car into Tsolo to meet S. Beatrice C.R. who is going to have a rest here. At 11.15 there was a special Hospital Committee meeting to which Mr. Barnes (of Umata) came to advise us about the new Building. L 4.30 pm.
24. S. Beatrice went to the Weaving School in the a.m. Address in Chapel.
25. S.S. had an Ambulance call to Gqagala & set off about 11. am,

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- Sept: ¹² 26 taking Sr. Beatrice with her for the drive, who enjoyed it very much. Sr. Euphemia returned from Leibe, & came down to tea. Miss Peddie came to Homecraft School & marked work.
- ¹² 26 S. Beatrice went over S. Margaret's in the pm.
Dr. Drewe came & at 1.45 gave us much helpful advice with regard to filling in Provincial Administration Hospital forms. ~~Her~~ P^r Superior had tea in the Parlour.
Miss Peddie was here examining Year III in Home work & Laundry work.
- ¹² 27 Schools closed: most of the girls, even long distance ones, are going home as there is a fortnight's holiday.
S.S. had an Ambulance call to Mtshipo in the am.
- ¹² 28 Workers Mass Meeting. S.D who has had a cold for some days, had the day in bed. S. Beatrice had tea with S.S. in her office.
- ¹² F. of S. Michael's. Miss Leigh came to tea. A grey day with some welcome showers of rain.
- ¹² 30 S. Beatrice in retreat. A busy day preparing for Mothers Union retreat Annual Meeting which are being combined this year. A cold grey misty day, but no real rain. In spite of this there were 87 retreatants for supper.

OCTOBER 1946

- ¹² 1 Mothers Union retreat in progress. It finished at ~~mid~~ dinner time & the Annual Meeting began in the School at 2.30pm - & was continued in the School Hall in the pm. Much rain & cold all day.
- ¹² F. of the Holy Guardian Angels 2 M.U. retreat & meeting finished after breakfast. All went v. well & the Mothers were v. happy in spite of adverse weather conditions. In the afternoon there was a telegram from Mother P. saying that S. M. was to embark on the Carrarvon Castle at Cape Town on the 15th.
- ¹² 3 Games Party for boarders who are here for the holidays was given after supper in School Hall. Sr. M. & Sr. M. M. were the hostesses. Musical chairs & cushion etc: were enjoyed with

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October

much hilarity

6th: Miss Ramsay & M^{rs} Hope who are coming for the day Workers Retreat arrived for tea & fr. (Klloza) driving them. She left after tea.

7th: M^{rs} Bringle & Miss Hubbleback arrived. They are staying with us for the Retreat. The 1st address was after supper. The Father Superior is the Convent^{or}

10th: Tea party with flowers and candles in Sunday School hut as farewell to Sr: Marcia. A cut-out of Sisters adorned the table, & a book of sketches by Sr: D.

11th: day Workers Retreat ended after breakfast. At 9 a.m. Sr: Marcia Sr: Dorothea & Sr: M. M. left by car for Queenstown where Sr: M. is to embark for the Cape. She sails for England on the Carnarvon on 17th. Sr: D. & Sr: M. M. stayed night at Queenstown at Sr: Monica's Home C.R. Boarders went shopping to Spargio - with 3: each as holiday gift.

12th: Sr: D. & Sr: M. M. returned from Queenstown.

Boarders returned from holidays.

A splendid figure of the Physician holding the Hospital - new Building in miniature in his hands appeared standing in a garden of wild flowers. Festival tea (what a tea, & what flowers!) in S. School hut.

19th: Sr: M. M. took a patient home to Wynentaalve in p.m. Sr: D. & Sr: M. A. for the drive.

20th: Ambulance call to Majaba for man with fractured leg. Miss Drene accompanied Sr: M. M. Sleep climbs up from road. Miss Wallace to tea.

21st: Sr: M. M. had call to Komhala.

23rd: Address in Chapel. Evelyn & Richard Jarvis on Mission for short visit. Sr: M. W. & Sr: H. V. took patient to UmSala Hospital in Ambulance in a.m.

S. Raphael 24th: Talking tea. Hotel Keeper's Meeting which lasted two solid hours, or was nearly beyond words.

25th: Sr: D. H. in Retreat.

26th: Sr: M. M. in Retreat.

Christ the King. No Mess down here. Miss Leigh & Miss Hilleary (?) who is visiting at Guest House came to tea.

S. S. Simon
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Father Superior installed (by Fr: R.) as Warden of C.S.T.B.

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