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- January Then went to Fr. Dinkers with S. & her granny - all came here. Sophie looked in S.D.M.'s room. Fr. D. & granny taken back to Klyptan; Pinnelle & baby Alfred brought back here. S.R.M. busy in church preparing for Epiphany. Police came again at 10.30.
- 6 Feast of Epiphany Sung Mass 5.30 at S. Mary's.
Superior went to Clinic & Baragwanath. otherwise peaceful day.
- 7- Octave Went to Mass at Holy Cross at 7.
after breakfast S.S. took girls to Bridgman & went on to Court with Johanna - meeting Fr. Dinkers. S.R.M. went as far as Brisban Rd. & took a tram into town, shopped. had photo taken - visited S.D.M. Her Dr. has given v. satisfactory report - S.D.M. can come home tomorrow.
- 8 Octave Superior started soon after Bkp. to town to fetch S.D.M. & took Mary Joseph to station to meet Monica - returned after hospital to pick up Monica's luggage; returned here 10.15. S.E. came to morning T. rather late 10.45. S.R.M. went to Sun Sch: Teachers party at Lesedig in afternoon - poured with rain at the beginning.
- 9 Sunday in Octave of Epiphany Mass 6pm - S. Joseph Soc. S. Mary's
Sunday as usual. S. Margarete Anne's & S. John's children gave a performance of "Bible Pictures" O.T. leading up to Christmas - 6.30 at S. Mary's. S.M. had P.C.C. 11.30 to 1.40
- 10 Octave Fr. Jenkins came about 6.30 to ask if we would like Mass in the Chapel at 7. we said 'yes please!
Catherine d. V. fought another girl & made a commotion just before Mass - Superior took girls to the Bridgman & went to EK for her prayer time. S.R.M. went to Senior S. Sch. party at in Communal Hall 2.30 - 5. Superior & S.D.M. went to EK. for tea - Fr. Huddleson came to Christ the King for confession - terrific storm came on - no one could hear anything Car stuck coming home - Sisters returned to EK. had supper - S.V.R. brought the home about 8. Car left at the bottom of Ray St. guarded by police.
- 12 Octave Zacharia brought the car back from Sophia town about 7.15
Catherine fought again & was taken to the Court & transferred to Van Ryn - Board Meeting 3.p.m. Sisters went to

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January Johnny Station after supper to see S. Videt Ruff, S. Veronica Faith off by 9.02 train for Jurlough. but the Pretoria Coach was slept at Genruks & the Sisters did not come to Johannsburg. Ek. Sisters & workers all there. Miss Kingpley drove us to Jomiskar to catch Capetown train there.

13 Ockare Day of Epiphany

Superior & Kathleen had usual morning classes. S.D.M. went shopping, fetched Vops. from Soc. Aff. in afternoon.

14 S.D.M. went to Brixton for shopping. Ladies came for sewing class. S.R.M. went to Van 9.11 train for shopping. Mrs Robertson came for her class in afternoon. F. Jenkins came in the evening for Confession & Class. Trincher's Day.

15 Mass in Chapel. F. Jenkins. Sophie B. & Johanna dismissed. S.R.M. had usual Saturday jobs & classes.

16. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. ~~S. Anthony Abas~~ Mass 6 & 8 at St. Mary. Superior went to Sophiatown

17. S. Anthony, A.B.C. Day of Installations S. Editha at heading at 11 a.m. Mother G. & Mother P. both came & 20 Sisters. S. Dorothy Michael came back to lend her, via Baragwanath on the way. Sister Mothers & Sisters all assembled again at Ek. for S. Beatrice Rose Installation. F. Huddleston gave an address this time. afterwards Sisters all squeezed into the Community Room for tea. Called on M. Selena on the way home.

18 S.D.M. went to Van in a.m. via Bridgman - had puncture. S. Editha called in the afternoon & took S.R.M. back to heading for Retreat. Mrs Robertson came for her class.

19. S.R.M. in Retreat at heading. Superior went to Town. S.D.M. took girls to Baragwanath in the afternoon & went on to Tabara. Very wet. heavy showers.

20. S. Fabian & Sebastian M.M. New girl came. S.D.M. fetched vegetables & shopped in Brixton. S.R.M. returned after Staff meeting. S.D.M. took girls to Clinic - after tea she & Kathleen went to Waverly Sch. with Superior & went on to Illovo to fetch the sewing gift from Mrs Vogel. returned home after 7 p.m.

21st S. Agnes Ladies came Superior in Retreat at Waverly

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S.P.M. went to town by train. Ladies came for needlework classes. Mrs Robertson in the afternoon, S.P.M. took Mr R. Lane & collected gifts from a lady in Immanatha. Sophie B. returned from Kipton not happy there. S.P.M. went to see Mr Williams about Sophie - returned home with Sophie & Bernard & luggage. Fr. Jenkins came in evening

22. S. Vincent M. ~~Mass~~ in Chapel. Fr. M. Hetherington. S.P.M. went to University to fetch Superior. Had puncture, so went to garage on the way. In afternoon S.P.M. Superior called on Mr Tabor. Kathleen taught the girls Table Tennis.

22. Sunday. Epiphany III. Mass 6.30 at S. Mary. Superior & S.P.M. went to 6 a.m. Mass at hesedij. S.P.M. stayed there in Retreat. Sunday as usual here - many visitors. Rain.

24. S.P.M. took girls to Bridgeman - car took her service - & went to EK for tea & prayer time. Sisters went to hesedij at 4pm for Confession - called on Mr Tabor afterwards both at his house & the Sch. but he could not be found.

25. Conversion of S. Paul. Sung Mass at S. Mary 5.30. Very wet morning. Mr Tabor called in the morning. Sisters all went off to Jome at 1.30. Loreding Sisters went with us. Had puncture on the way - kind man came & helped to change wheel. Vespers & Matins/Kensington at 3.30. Bsp. Pretoria gave an address. & Skinned Mother all had tea in Recreation room afterwards.

Superior's Installation Day - had Festival Morning T. here.

26. S. Polycarp B.M. Mother S. left by air at 7 a.m. from Jan Smuts Aerodrome. Jome party saw her off. Mr Tabor & Carpenter came at 10. S.P.M. fetched & dropped in Brixton & Sophiatown. Thick rain during day & night.

27. S. Ph. Chappotam B.S.D. P.M. had big gathering at S. Mary - to welcome Paulina M. Hetherington & put her in 'The Chair'. In the afternoon all went to town. Sisters to see S. Fr. off to S. Cuthbert's. Kathleen to shop - all had tea afterwards at the station. 'Brownie' joined us. Mr Kennedy pd. for tea.

28. S. Editha rang up in afternoon to say Mother had arrived

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safely in England. S.D.M. & R.M. went to town for shopping. Rardless
Grahamans. Ladies came for sewing class F. Jenkins in the evening.

29 S. Francis de Sales Mass in the Chapel. F. Wardle.
S.D.M. took girls to Bridgeman & about shopping. Plumbers
working in the house, fixing up new kitchen - sinks, stove &
boiler etc. New girl came, Lettie.

30 Sunday Epiphany IV Mass 6.30. St. Mary's.
Sunday as usual - Many visitors all day.

31st S.D.M. took Sophie M. to Bridgeman after breakfast. Later in
~~February~~ the morning Sheila caught her hand in banging door, which
injured 2 fingers, cutting off the top joint of one - Car still out, &
no ambulance at the clinic - Superior stood in the road to
waylay a passing car, & stopped an ambulance which took
Sheila to the clinic; she was sent on to Barrowmanth.

February S. Ignaceus B.M. Sophie Bence taken to the Tabor with
Bernard. S.D.M. went to Talika Home S.R.M. went to
town by train. Mrs Henderson called. Mrs Robertson came
for her class - other classes as usual. Heavy rain all night.

3rd Purification of the B.V.M. Sing Mass 5.30
A picnic to Engenzeleni had been planned - but
weather seemed to uncertain - but by 10 a.m. it continued
to improve so Sister Kathleen set out after 11 a.m.
& had a lovely day - rain threatened but did not fall.
Girls had party supper & games.

3rd ^{at home} House Meeting was cancelled. Ladies came
Superior took car to garage - Radiator leaking returned
by train. Classes as usual.

4. ^{at home} House Meeting was cancelled. Ladies came for sewing
class - & gave S.D.M. a lift to Winifreds to fetch car - &
then shopping in Brixton & Sophieakow. Mrs Robertson
came for her class - F. Jenkins came in the evening. Kathleen
was asked to sleep at Dike 2 nights while Monica is away.

5. S. Agatha V.M. Mass in Chapel. F. Jenkins.
^{at home} "Clothing" at Wankape. Superior & S.D.M. went to town

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- for shopping & other business. Party for Shelter children in afternoon for S.R.M. at S. Mary's. Kathleen slept at Dike.
6. Septuagesima Sunday Masses 6 & 8 Sunday as usual. Parents Meeting in the Church at 3. but Fr. Shand did not come. Fr. Jenkins - had to cope. Fr. Huddleston called in the afternoon with Mr Patrick Duncan. In the way S.S. S.R.M. Kathleen & some girls saw Fr. Moloi's pictures of his visit to America. Very interesting.
7. S.D.M took girls to Bridgeman & went on to Kani. S.R.M went for a Runch St. met car later at Woolworths & returned home, picking up girls, & Sophie M. Shubaly at Bridgeman. Sisters went to Lesedi at 4 - to find that Fr. Huddleston had cancelled the usual appointment. Mr Tabor came to meet the girls.
8. ^{Octave} S.D.M. Kathleen took babies to Baragwanth - In the afternoon Kathleen went with her to Wateroad with babies - took Sally to S. Joseph's. In the evening The Bank Players gave a performance at the Library Theatre for Mtutuzeli - Lesedi Ladies & Kathleen went. £91 gained.
9. Octave Day. S.D.M. in bed after bad night's upset. Board Meeting The Assistant came to lunch - pouring with rain so she arrived 11.50 too wet to shop in Kani. In the end no Meeting took place only 4 members of Comtee came - others afraid to come thro: Sophiatown - because of removal to Meadowlands taking place. Their fears were quite all perfectly quiet here.
10. Superior fetched vegetables from Social Aff. & shopped in Brixton. Ladies came to give first Cooking Class - very successful.
11. Superior & S.R.M. went to E.K. & Social Aff. Mrs Roberts came for her class - & Sewing Ladies. Fr. Jenkins came in the evening.
12. Mass in Chapel. Fr. Mkhethwa. S.R.M. did usual Saturday jobs, & classes at S. Mary's. Mrs Irvine came to work with Superior.
13. Sexagesima Sunday 6a - Mass S. Joseph 8a - at S. Mary's

S.D.M. went to Iwona for Retinal, & short visit. Superior took her to Jobling Station. Many visitors

14. S.D.M. at Iwona. Superior took girls to Clinic. Mr Tabor called in the morning. S.R.M. went to Iwona by train.
- 15 Superior took girls with babies to Baragwanath. S. Editha & S. Evelyn Angela called. Mr Robertson came for his class
- 16 Board Meeting at Mrs Wilkerson's. Mrs Harpers called in the morning bringing 2 M.U. Ladies. Superior went to the Board Meeting after lunch, Mother P. & the Assistant both came to I. & brought S.D.M. back from Iwona. New plans for the building of the Sisters' Wing were made.
- 17 S.R.M. went to Staff meeting at Lesching. S.D.M. went to Sophiaton. Brixton in afternoon to fetch Vops: etc.
- 19 Mtutuzele Birthday kept (21st is proper day). Saturday more candles. Mass in Chapel. Holy Guardian Angels. Fr. Huddleston (R. Lesching) Sisters came, & stayed for breakfast. Girls all greeted the girls at their Bkff. They had party Morning. T. & Treasure Hunt. Very wet. Joan & Marian Cross came for afternoon tea.
- 20 Quinguesima Sunday. Mass 6.30 am. S. Mary's. Sunday as usual - Annie & her baby were Baptized at the afternoon. S.R.M. went to Lesching for Retreat after tea
- 21 S.R.M. in Retreat. Sisters went to Iwona in the morning & took girls to Brigflman. To Lesching 4. pm for Fr. Huddleston.
- 22 Mrs B. brought S.R.M. back 8.30. S.R.M. went to see Mrs Hayward in afternoon - who is giving us a treadle machine
- 23 New storeroom finished. S.D.M. took girls & babies to Baragwanath. Ash Wednesday 5.30 Mass &
2. Imposition of Ashes - several girls absent & Sisters.
- 24 S. Matthias. Ap. Mass with Hypis 6. pm. Superior went to Iwona to meet Mother & the Assistant at the Architects' Office. S.S. brought S. Maria Mary back to lunch. Ladies came to give Cooking Class. S.D.M. fetched vegetables etc. then took S. Maria M. to Jobling

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- Skaten - came back - took Superior to Lesedog for Retreat
Superior's Office got ready for the builders.
- 25 Superior in Retreat. Builders knocked down ^{off} Skaten room wall
making the Office about 5ft longer - great improvement.
Ladies came for sewing class. Some of the girls went
to Skatons of the Cross 2:15. F. Jenkins came in the evening.
- 26 Mass in Chapel 6:30 F. Jenkins - Superior returned
with F. J. S.D.M. took girls to Bridgman - did other business
in Sophiatown & Industria. S.D.M. took Kathleen & 5 girls
for picnic in afternoon. Samuel & boy finished
Superior's Office.
27. Lent I Mass. 6 & 8. S. Mary's.
F. Shand spoke to meeting of Parents in the afternoon
Many visitors came to see girls.
- 28 S.D.M. & S.R.M. went to town - did much shopping etc.
returned late for lunch.

- March 1st S. David, B.C. 7am. Mass at S. Mary's as well as 5:30
S. Chad. B.C.
- 2nd Superior & S.D.M. went to town on various business.
girls scraped floor in preparation for new flooring.
- 3rd Men from Transvaal Rubber Co. came to do masonry & concrete
floors - Superior took S.R.M. & F. Althea to Lesedog
for Mission Staff meeting. Mrs B. brought them back in the
Father's Ford. S.D.M. fetched veges. from Social Off.
went to E.K. & shopped in Brinxton
- 4th Home Committee 10am. S.R.M. went to town by train & met
Mother Euphemia at Joburg Station - S. Perpetua came with them
& brought them home 11:45. S.D.M. went to Sophiatown in pm.
Superior took Kathleen to Rosettenville for Retreat.
- 5th Mass in Chapel F. Jenkins 6:30.
Lempie's baby was found tied up in his cot yesterday evening
great commotion, police sergeant called in. It was
thought that Agnes might have done it - she behaved very
quietly. Superior & S.D.M. took her home to Pinville - an
unsatisfactory person. S. Euphemia went with them.

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- 6th Sunday. Lent II S^c. Perpetua & Felicitas.
Mass at S. Mary. 6. & 8. A Grammy Julia came to Morning T. to see S^c. Euphemia - she was in great form.
At 10.15 S^c. Editha & S.M.A. came to fetch S^c. Euph. to Leselzig. They had some tea first. A good many visitors came for the girls. Sisters all went to Leselzig for Vespers & brought S^c. Euphemia back.
7. S. Thomas Aquinas C.D. Mass in Chapel 7th. M. Hethwa. Superior took S^c. Eu. to see the Nursery Sch. S.D.M. went to town in the morning. Superior to S^c. Eu. to Waverley soon after dinner. Sister to Leselzig 4 p.m. for 7th. Huddleston. Baby Moses very ill in the evening & taken to Barrage Road. Girl arrived with baby - nowhere to go -
8. Supena & S.D.M. took girls to work. did other business.
9. Ladies from St. Marks Presbyterian Goodwill Club came. (20 of them) They had a meeting & sang round. brought their own food & gift of new nightgowns for the girls. 10-12.15. 3 p.m. Board Meeting. S.R.M. out visiting with S.M.A.
10. S.R.M. went to Staff meeting at Leselzig 10-15. Various callers came in the morning. Mrs. Skerup, Sister Lambert Miss von Floren ladies came to give cooking class. S.D.M. went to Seaside for veges. Teachers went on to Victoria Hop. to collect gifts. S.R.M. had usual afternoon classes.
11. Kathleen & S.R.M. caught 9.11 train into town. W. away for week-end. S.R.M. did shopping & met H. Paley at station & came back with her ^{on} 12. Superior left for Retreat at home. S.D.M. took her to Ek. Sewing ladies came for their class. F. Jenkins came in the evening.
12. S. Gregory Bp. & Co. Mass in Chapel 6.30 7th. M. Hethwa. Matron Margaret collapsed at Mass. Dr. Ellis called later & said she had pneumonia. S.D.M. H. Paley & 5 girls went for picnic in the afternoon. S.R.M. had usual classes. M. Margaret taken to Barrage Road in the evening with high temp. Superior in Retreat at home.
- 13 Sunday. Lent III Mass 6 a.m. S. Joseph & S. Mary's. S.D.M. went to Ek. & Christ the King & brought Superior home

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- 14. S.D.M took girls to Bridgman & went to St. Augustines Church for Prayers.
S.R.M went with leading Sisters to Irene for Lent Retreat. left soon after 2 p.m.
Principal at St John's school interviewed re Rebecca.
- 15. Superior went to Bank, & to Yeoville to fetch gift of clothing.
Mr Taber called also Dr de Vos, & Miss Swanepoel.
- 16. S.D.M in Retreat at Leseding - S.R.M returned from Irene with leading sisters
- 17. S. Patrick. B.C. S.D.M went to Sophiatown & Briskar Mrs Henderson & Mrs Wilkinson called also Dr de Vos - who came again later to take Annie's new baby away. after tea S.R.M. S.D.M. & Kathleen & two girls all went to Dr. de Vos's home at Blangowrie to take a cot for baby Donald. Annie had settled in v. happily
- 18. Sewing ladies came. S.D.M. & S.R.M went with Hope Paly to Joburg station - Hope leaving for Grahamstown 2 p.m. Vaccination of babies in the afternoon F. Jenkins came for his class in evening.
- 19. S. Joseph spruce of B.V.H. Mass in Chapel
S.D.M. took girls to the Bridgman & went on to fetch toys from T. H. & did various shoppings. Superior & Kathleen went for a picnic in the afternoon. S.R.M. had usual Saturday jobs & classes.
- 20. Sunday Lent IV Mass as usual 6 & 8 at S. Mary's. Mr & Mrs Harris called at morning T. time en route to Meadowlands - but they were not sure of the way - so Superior & S.D.M went with them & also showed them the Swimming bath. S.D.M took some girls to Swimming Bath in the afternoon. S.R.M. had Baptisms at S. Mary in the afternoon.
- 21. S. Benedict A.S.C.M's berine came to do "Books" with Superior
2:30 The Blessing of new wings & various improvements of nurseries - kitchen etc. by Father Huddleston F. Jenkins M.S & servers - Sisters from E.H. & Leseding Mrs B. & Monica Arch.
All went very nicely. F.H. stayed to hear Sisters Confessions
Sungus brought treadle sewing machine in afternoon. New girl came Rose.
- 22. S.D.M. took girls to the Bridgman Mrs Venables came for Red + Club (she is not coming again till Apr. 19) S.R.M went to tea at Leseding & sort out acting clothes for Passion Play. with S.M.A

- 23 Superior & Kathleen went to town by 9:11 train. S.R.M. went visiting in the Lesechig Van.
- 24 S. Gabriel Archangel S.R.M. went to Passion Staff meeting 10 am Superior & Kathleen took their usual classes. ~~Being~~ M.4. meeting at S. Mary's in afternoon. Ann. Festival. S.D.M. fetches the car from the garage in the afternoon.
- 25 Annunciation of B.V.M. Mass in Chapel 6:30 F. Jenkins' Sr. Colbye from the Clinic came to morning T. Sewing ladies came for their class. Dr. de Voo called in the morning. S.R.M. & S.D.M. did shopping in Saphinton & Braxton In the afternoon a party of University students came to see the Home. F. Jenkins came for his class in the afternoon.
- 26 Superior. S.D.M. & S.R.M. left at 6:15 am to meet S. Hilda Verity at Joburg Station - arriving from England.
- 27 Sunday Lent X Mass 6:38 at S. Mary's. Superior took S. A. V. to Ek. for morning T. & Mass at Xr. the King. S.R.M. had usual Sunday classes. Sisters went to Lesechig for tea & Vespers.
- 28 Staff Retreat at Lesechig. S.R.M. & M. Selma went to it. S.D.M. took girls to Bridgeman & went on to Cerret & did other business in town.
- 29 Kathleen Bromhead left Mtutuzele this morning. Sisters took her to Joburg Station for train to Brakpan. The Taber called. Mrs. Sultan who brought gift of medicines for the home - they came just before we had to leave & with Kathleen; so they had to entertain each other at tea. After seeing Kathleen off Sisters did shopping & various business in town. S.R.M. returned by train in the afternoon. S. Gladys Austin came to tea.
- 30 Kathleen left S.A. by air 7 a.m. her cousin took her to Jean Smit & Aerodrome. S.D.M. took car to Winifreds, but had to go on to Stanley Motors. Mrs. Levine came to the books with Superior. S.R.M. went visiting with S.M.A. in Lesechig van. She had dress rehearsal of Passion Play - in the evening.

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