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This house was probably one of those  
in the Irene complex. Mothers and babies.

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1916

- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Annette Miss Clarke and Matron Alice also 6 penitents and 14 babies moved to the new nursery premises "Aronlea" the property of The Bishop of George. John removed all the furniture.
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass in the new Oratory at 7.30
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Christina's baby baptised.  
Superior came to dinner.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sale of work on nursery stoop and in the garden. The children of the township invited to tea, about 30 came.  
Most of the township came to the sale. S. Annette shewed them the nurseries.  
S. Superior and S. Adelaide came for most of the day. S. S. Mary and S. L. Mary for a short time. Many of the Drene ladies sent cakes for the tea. The sale realized £14-0-0. Mrs Nixon and Miss Barnett kindly took stalls.  
Mass in Chapel at 7.30.
- 10<sup>th</sup> S. Annette went to Johannesburg with Richard & handed him over to Mr & Mrs Thackwray who wished to adopt him.  
S. A. went into Retreat.

1916.

Dec: 22<sup>nd</sup> Baby Maria into Hospital

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Eileen Anderson brought ferns for the Crib. Matron Agnes and Rosa came to help with decorations.

25 Miss Stone & Miss Gemmer came to tea.

25<sup>th</sup> S Annette Mary Edith Miss Clarke and Matron Alice went to midnight Mass. Matron Agnes and Amelia to 8 o'clock Mass.

Miss Abbott-Smith and her Sister came to decorate the toy Xmas tree for the babies. It was put up on front stoep. Superior came at 11. We all sang "Once in royal David's city," round the tree. Superior gave away the presents

1917.

Dec. Jan.

Superior S. Leata Mary and Miss Stone stayed to dinner. S. Annette Miss Clarke, Elizabeth Ellis and 3 of the girls went to Holy Cross for late dinner.

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> S. Annette Matron Alice, Elizabeth Ellis and some of the girls went to Holy Cross for Xmas Tree.

27<sup>th</sup> S. Annette went to S. Monica's for Xmas Tree.

28<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30. Christmas tree in the afternoon. The Sunday School children and Mothers came, also Mrs. Johnstone and Hugh. The children had their tea first. Tree at 4. Tea for grown ups afterwards. Superior S. Eleanor Mary, S. Mary. Sr. Suid and S. Mary Cornelia came.

30<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30. Alice Walker left after a month with us.

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Matron Agnes came to work at Nursery.

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at Nursery for Stella and Arthur.

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Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Ada baptised at Holy Cross.

10<sup>th</sup>

The Bishop and Mrs Furse went to see the new Nursery.

12<sup>th</sup>

S Annette went into Pretoria to do shopping.

13<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7.30.

14<sup>th</sup>

Baby Maria worse.

16<sup>th</sup>

Lena and Muriel out by the Motor.

20<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7.30.

21<sup>st</sup>

Chaplain said Mass at 7.30. Mr & Mrs Cooper, Mr & Mrs Nixon and Mr & Mrs Smith came. Nursery blessed by the Bishop at 11.30. Superior, all the Sisters, all the Visitors from Holy Cross present, also Mrs Furse, Jane and Miss Ellison. S. Adelaide carried the censer and S. Eleonor Mary the cross. The Bishop fully robed blessed all the rooms beginning with Chapel. The babies were very good lying in their cots.

The only hitch was that the Order of Service had been forgotten and Jean Stone & the Bishop returned to Holy Cross to fetch it.

27<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 7.30.

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Feb: March

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Clarke gave a new Altar Book.  
Mass 7.30.

10<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30 13<sup>th</sup> Petronetta and Baby arrived from S. Monica's

15<sup>th</sup> S. Annette went to Pretoria

17<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30

24<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30

27<sup>th</sup> S. Annette went to The Home for Sisters

March Retreat

10<sup>th</sup> Agnes Ellis went to S. Monica's to stay.  
Sister Florence Kate came here.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mass 7.30.

4<sup>th</sup> Agnes Ellis returned

5<sup>th</sup> Agnes Ellis left for Zeerust.

7<sup>th</sup> Tumblr engaged as garden boy.

10<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30.

S<sup>r</sup> Eleanor arrived from Grahaamstown

13<sup>th</sup> Petronella left in disgrace with baby

14<sup>th</sup> Harriet and Baby Ethel arrived  
from S. Monica's.

17<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30. Fr Deacon celebrated.

18<sup>th</sup> Emma & Baby arrived from S. Monica's  
Superior Nurse Hubbell came

to Nursery at 11 a.m.

All Mothers & babies assembled  
on front stoep with flowers.

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Mass: April.

- Mar 19<sup>th</sup> Superior & S. Ad: stayed to dinner.  
Chaplain - went to Durban for a month. Louisa & baby arrived
- 20<sup>th</sup> Harriet - very ill.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Edward baptised.
- 29<sup>th</sup> The last of working parties which had been held every Thursday during Lent. Mr<sup>s</sup> Nixon, Mr<sup>s</sup> Murcott, Mr<sup>s</sup> Anderson attended.
- 30<sup>th</sup> S. Annette in retreat - at The Home
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mass 7.30. Lantern service in the evening. S. L. M. came with some of the girls.  
Mr<sup>s</sup> Murcott worked the lantern. S. L. M. explained the pictures.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Superior had a lantern service for the children at 6 p.m.  
40 came.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mr<sup>s</sup> Mathew and Miss Murray visited the nursery.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Miss Clarke and the girls went to the Three hours. S. Annette showed the Sunday School children



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- April  
8<sup>th</sup> Easter Day. Bible pictures from 2 to 3.  
Superior came with visitors from the home at 11 a. m. The children presented her with a bird's nest. She and Miss Stone stayed to dinner.
- 11<sup>th</sup> S. Annette went to the school.
- 12 S. Annette returned. Louisa's baby (Teddy) buried.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30. Susan, Mary and Edith went to the Pagant-Trolley picnic. S. Annette took girls to the home for a concert in the evening.
- 16<sup>th</sup> - low Sunday The Chaplain said mass at 7.30. Five township people came. Miss Clapham, Miss Delfoss, Miss Sheffield visited the nursery.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Superior slept at the nursery
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30. Alice Walker returned to Pretoria having helped us for three weeks.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mass 7.30. Matron Agnes went to De Wildt for the week end.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Superior had Sunday Sch. children

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in the Oratory for Good Shepherd Class

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Matron Agnes returned.

27<sup>th</sup>

Jeanetta came with Baby John

28<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7.30.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

M<sup>rs</sup> Hughes came to work.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Mass 7.30.

5<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7.30. All the girls went to the home to an entertainment-given by the D.S. G. Staff.

7<sup>th</sup>

Matron Agnes went to S. Monica's  
M<sup>rs</sup> Potter came to work for a month.  
M<sup>rs</sup> Hughes left.

8<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7.30.

11<sup>th</sup>

S. Georgina came to sleep.

12<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7.30.

13<sup>th</sup> Rogation

Sunday.

S. Annette took all the Sunday School children to Rogation-tide procession.

15<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7.30. Martin ill.

16<sup>th</sup>

Martin worse M<sup>rs</sup> Potter took him to Hospital.

17<sup>th</sup>

S. Annette at the Home with a bad cold. S. M. C gave the Sunday Sch. children service at 3. in the

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