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January

30<sup>th</sup> Monday. Algie Smale arrived.

31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday -

February 1<sup>st</sup> Stanley, Tom & George James arrived in the evening.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. F-y of the Purification -  
at the early Masses 3 boys served.

Arthur at 6 at S. Mary's.

Cecil - 6.30 - "

Patrick y in the Father's Chapel.

Sung Mass (Planning) at 8.30. The Father Superior preached.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. The Father Superior General presented the S. Augustine's Sisters with a garden seat, from which they can enjoy the glorious view of the Luanca & surroundings.

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. The children made their Confession. Father Savage addressed the children in the Schoolroom.

5<sup>th</sup> Septuagesima Sunday. The children made their Communion at 6.30 in Church -

Fr. J.C., Sr. E.C., Sr. V. & Sr. M. came to morning tea - After this was a general meeting outside the Church - to say Goodbye to Fr. Bull & to welcome Father Taylor

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& F. Savage.

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Monday. Redvers Gardner came as a day pupil. In the evening there was a meeting of heads of houses about the Electric Light Scheme. Fr Bull presided. The meeting was in the Mission Guest Hul. After a good deal of discussion it was decided to carry the Scheme through.
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday. John fetched his youngest daughter, Gladys, aged 4½ from Tolo to stay with us. Her mother has not been well. She has gone to Johannesburg for a change.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday. The Warden left for a round.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday. Father Bull left S. Cutberts for Modderfont & Kimberley -  
Alicia Burn in bed with bad throat.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday. Sexagesima. Father Taylor & F. Savage left. Alicia better - No evening.
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday. S. C. in Retreat. John took Mission Car to Ventata to be overhauled.
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday. Father Chard returned from his round. Mr. & Mrs. Hazelwood returned from their wedding tour. Frederica took the girls out.  
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- 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Charles Stafford went to Hospital with flu -
- 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday Father Superior & Fr. Callaway left for Holy +. They are to be away ten days. S. G. B. intended being in Retreat - but gave it up to be with the children as the weather was very unsettled.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Quinquagesima Sunday. S. G. B. in Retreat. Some of the little children, Elsie, Mary, Olga, Bernice & Dorothy with Lancia went to a rehearsal of Superior's Mystery Play in which they are all to be Angels.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Shrove Tuesday. The children made their Confession to the Warden in the afternoon.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Ash Wednesday. The Communicants came to mass in the Sisters' Chapel. Mass was preceded by the ceremony of the imposition of Ashes by Father Parse. Cecil was Thurifer, Douglas Boat-boy. Archie served at mass.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Friday. F. S. Matthias. Mass at Church 8.30 - in Church - The Rev. Brother General C.S.M.V. arrived with the Mother Provincial from East London at 11.45 a.m. There was no

welcoming demonstration as at first intended  
as the Rev: Mother has been v. much affected  
by the altitude of the Transvaal & has not been  
at all well. Fr. Chad had a Confirmation Class in the  
24<sup>th</sup> ~~Friday~~ <sup>Voluntary</sup> S.M. had a time with Mother  
25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday. Mother Provincial came to  
morning tea.

26<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent. Services as usual.  
S.M. & P.S. interview with Mother  
Tom little girls with Francina went to S. Mary's  
for a Rehearsal of the Nativity Play in which  
they are "Angels"

27<sup>th</sup> Monday The Nativity Play was given in the  
Boarder girls Dining room at 5<sup>o</sup> clock. The  
Room was darkened & the only lights were from  
lanterns. The acting was good but the lighting  
insufficient - colour effect & individuality  
was rather lost. The Rev: Mother General &  
Mother Provincial were present - also Metshiki  
The S. Augustines' Children did their own  
scene as at Christmas 1926.

28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. S. C interview with Mother.

29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Mother driven in Hospital car by  
J. W arrived 10:45 to see S. Augustines with M. M. R.

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They had morning tea in the Community Hut  
& then watched "drill". Mother said she was  
much pleased & "refreshed" by her visit.

It was a great pleasure & surprise to her  
to find her god daughter "Konatumba" in  
the kitchen. Mother was pleased with all she saw

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Thursday. By request of the Rev: Mother General  
the children acted their little play "The Court of  
Old King Cole" at 9 a.m. The Rev: Mother Provincial  
& the Sister Superior as well as Miss Lillard  
Miss Aldridge & Miss Middleton also came  
to see it as all had been absent at the  
original performance before Christmas. Every-  
one was delighted not least the children  
themselves.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday To our great sorrow & disappointment  
the first news of the day was that the Rev:  
Mother General had had a bad night & felt  
she must get away to the Coast at once as  
it was unwise to stay longer at this altitude.  
She left the Mission at 2 p.m. with Mother  
Mary Ruth & Superior - driven by John - Superior  
returned the same evening.

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday Sisters Corporate Lent-Retreat,  
Conducted by Father Callaway. Sr. E. B. stayed  
out to be with the children.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Saturday Sr. E. B. in Retreat. Boys played cricket  
match - v. B. boys. 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven. They lost the match  
only by a few runs - The S. A.'s boys are much younger &  
smaller than the B. boys -
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday. John Williams went home to see after  
some personal business.
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday. John returned.
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday The children began their days Retreat  
by going to Lantern Service - Stations of the Cross  
taken by the Warden.
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday Mass at - S. Lucy's 7.15. Addresses  
in S. Lucy's during the day. Confessions  
morning & afternoon. Silence was broken for a  
short time in the afternoon when the children  
went for walks & baths. The day  
ended with preparation for A.C. taken by the  
Warden in the Schoolroom.
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Refreshment-Sunday. Children's Mass in S. Lucy's  
with hymns & short address. After Antiphona  
the children received sweets from the Rev. Mother G.

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March. 16<sup>th</sup> - They then took<sup>a</sup> Cate (girls) + Roes (boys) to the Sister Superior -

19<sup>th</sup> - Monday Miss Combs who has been coming to gain experience in teaching etc, in prep: for S. Andrew's Lusikisiki came for the last time.

20<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Miss Combs left for Lusikisiki where she hopes to be until the June holidays

21<sup>st</sup> - Wed: S. C had "S. Michael's" Group for Recreation in the evening - a reward for gaining a Blue Star - They hunted for sweets & played games.

23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday Mrs Scott brought Mrs Clayton to see the school -

H. Chad had Confirmation Class -

Bro Robert talked to the rest of the children.

24<sup>th</sup> - Saturday The boys played return cricket match v. Warden boys: 1<sup>st</sup> eleven - lost by an innings -

26<sup>th</sup> - Monday F. of the Assumption transferred from Passim Sunday. Sung Mass 8-30.

27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Two little ones Alistair, long expected, were brought by their brother Monty from Idutywa. John fetched by car from

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Umtata. The little girl Elizabeth, had been kept by red Uncles who refused to give her up - Monty had to go & fetch her away by force at last. "Michael" the boy had run away to Monty from his heathen relations some time before - Mrs Butler of Idutywa has befriended them & helped them greatly. They also brought Thomas Linden with them - a Cousin. Grace his Sister was to have come too - but a woman holds her by her mother's (a bad woman) side. Another child, Ludwick Maseko, also a relation, came as well.

30<sup>th</sup> Friday Monty left in the car with John who was going to fetch S<sup>r</sup> Marcia from Umtata. He brought back Kathleen Müller who has come to stay with us for a time.

April  
Sun: 1<sup>st</sup>

Palm Sunday. The children went to English Mass in Church at . The Siroa Mass was postponed until 11 on account of the Royal Visit. The Royalties were the Gov: General Princess Alice, Lady Mary Cambridge, Princess Helena Victoria & Mrs Keppel Lady in waiting - They were given tea on arrival & came on to Church



\*-Ley preached. After the Service the Royal Party went down to S. Mary's for lunch wh. was served in the Sisters' Refectory. They then visited the Hospital. - By the time they returned to the Sisters' Verandah a Guard of Honour had been formed by the Boarder Girls + the S. Augustine's children - They were all linked with Streamers of red, white + blue the effect was v. pretty. - The Guard of Honour extended from the Verandah to the Gate. As soon as the Royal Guests appeared the Boarder Girls led by Benjamin set up a cheer + this was followed by a peal of bells rung by the S. A's children on their handbells. This was much enjoyed the Princess told the Lady in Waiting to take several snap shots of the children, Sisters + Guests. After this there was a short meeting with the Natives outside the Church + Speeches were made by Mr. Xaba + the Gov. General. Lutshoto the Chief, was there + was addressed by His Excellency. - When the Royal Party left Lutshoto his men formed a Guard of Honour at

Church gate & followed the Royalties.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon:

During Holy Week, Sr. E. B took the children to Mass at 6.30 each morning (Communicants &

Tues:

those preparing for Confirmation) & Sr. C took the little ones to a Short Service at 9 at wh. the Passion (consisting of the Gospel for the Day) was read by Mr. Kaba who took our Lord's words, Edmund Cukata read the narrative & Ambrose the words of other than our Lord.

Wed:

5<sup>th</sup> Thurs:

Children went to Sixa Mass at 8.30.

Silence was kept from 6 p.m to 6 p.m on Good Friday -

6<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday

Sr. E. B took children's breakfast & charge until 9.30 when she took them to the Stations of the Cross. <sup>Communion children 11.30</sup> All went to the Three Hours Service the little ones coming in at 1.30. Florence looked after them & brought them in. Fr. Ley preached. "Tea bread" on return from Church. Sr. W took the boys for a walk & Sr. M. B the girls - The Easter garden had been begun on the previous Saturday & was of great interest all the week - Holy Sat<sup>h</sup> Children made their Confession - Baptisms

7<sup>th</sup> - Sat<sup>h</sup>

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