

- 7th Solemn Evensong at 4. St. M. Baptista went to Tolo to make an Easter garden in the Church.
- 8th Easter Day. Fr. Chand said Mass for S. Augustini at S. Lucy's Hospital at 6.15. Some of the Sisters came to see the Easter garden & to morning tea.
- 9th Mon. Sr. E. B. & Sr. M. B. took the children for a pic. nie to Tiger Bush. Sr. Editha came to tea with Sr. C.
- 11th Wed. The Sisters went to tea at S. Mary's.
- 12th Thurs. The S. Mary's Sisters came to tea.
- 15th Sun. Low Sunday. A meeting was held after Mass to say Goodbye to Father Ley.
- 16th Mon. Father Ley said Mass in Church at 5.45. Nearly all the Europeans were present. Father & Mr. Conn who is going for his rest at Durban left dinner after Mass. J. W. drove them to Hobstead. Miss Athorpe & Miss Ryley came to tea.
- 17th Tues. Miss Ryley gave the children a thrilling talk about her travels.
- J. W. returned from Hobstead - he brought the news of the death of the Gov. General's son.
- 21st Sat. Sr. Estel Beatrice had a day's Retreat.
- 24th Tues. Sr. E. B. took the children to see Pictures in the Woodwork School. They (the Pictures) were not v. good.

April.

27th Fri: Grace Linden arrived. Her brother Monty had brought her to Umata last Sat^y left her with Mr. Dye until she was fetched by a car. Meanwhile she was sent to School!

28th Sat: Sr. F. C brought Miss Richards of the Railway Mission to see the School. The children gave a little entertainment to the staff in the evening entirely got up by themselves. It was quite amusing. The girls did better than the boys.

30th Mon: Our Sister Helen Virginia passed away in Umata Hospital. where she had been taken by Superior in a critical condition on Sat^y. The Sisters went to S. Mary's directly they heard the news to wait for Superior & Sister's body. She arrived at about 10.45 & Vespers of the dead was said directly. the Coffin having been placed in Chapel.

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F. S. S Philip & James a Requiem Mass was said in S. Mary's Chapel at 6.15 & Sissa Mass in the Church at 8.30. The funeral followed directly after.

3rd Thurs: Sr. Claudia in Retreat.

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5th Sat: The children had morning school.

6th Sun: S. John a P.L. S. L. B in Retreat.

12th Sat: School.

13th Sun: Mrs Sanders came to see Cyril.

14th Mon: Rogation Procession at Evensong. Several S.A boys took part.

16th Wed: Vigil of the Ascension. S.A boys took part in Solemn Vespers in Sisters' Chapel. Nella Craig came

17th Thurs: F of the Ascension. Thomson Joseph Linden, Michael Augustine McAlister, Grace Mary Linden & Elisabeth McAlister were baptised at S. Lucy's at 6. a.m. Mass followed. Said by Fr. Chard. Mass in Church 8.30. Nella Craig left again. The Sisters & children went to Ade Bush for a pic. nic. Miss Atholpe & Miss Aldridge went with them. S. C went to S. Mary's to dinner & Recreation.

19th Sat: School. Mr & Mrs Crouch brought their baby boy (Godwin) to be baptised. S. L. B was Godmother. Mr & Mrs C, Fr. Rumsey, Mr Lewis, J. W. & 3 little Crouch girls had tea on the Verandah. Frank Maynard also arrived & joined them. There was a partial eclipse of the sun at 3 p.m.

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20th Sun: Sunday after Ascension Day.

Sr M. B. in Retreat. No Catechism. F. Maynard who had come to see whether it was possible for him to be apprenticed to the Carpenters Shop here left for home again. It was decided that it would be better for him to apply to Anderson.

22nd Tues: Sr. C. in Retreat.

23rd Wed: There was a Social Gathering on the Verandah at S. Mary's to meet the Bishop. After tea the Bishop gave an interesting account of his visit to Jerusalem.

Sr. L. B. stayed with the children.

24th Thurs: Empire Day. The children spent the day preparing for an entertainment of their own in the evening. The Europeans were invited. Several came including the Bishop. The entertainment was disappointing.

26th Sat: Vigil of Whitsun. Eight of our children viz: Tom James, Willie Trier, Charles Stafford, Lennette Brauns, Ellen Adkins, Agatha Stafford, Elsie McAlister & Ludvick Maseko were confirmed.

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27th Whitsunday. Mass at S. Lucy's 6.15. Twenty four children made their Communion. Fr. Pearce said Mass & gave an address.
Mrs. Adkins & Mrs. Gunkel came to breakfast.
The Bishop preached at 8.30.
There was no Catechism.

29th - Tues: The Bishop left S. Cathbert's.

31st - Thurs: Union Day. The children had a picnic to Cika. Miss Williams came to tea with S.C. to see sweets made.

Fr. Chad brought Mr. Haywood to look at cracks &c in the building wh. need repairs.

June
1st - Fri: Kathleen Miller left. She did not fit in with us. & it was decided there was no reason for her staying any longer.

2nd - Sat: School.

7th - Thurs: Mr. Anders came to inspect the School. He passed all the children & said he was very much pleased with the School.

8th - Fri: { Fr. Maynard arrived with horses for his party -
School until 10 o'clock - then most of the children went off for their holidays.
There were no waggon's this time - partly

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because there is an outbreak of S.C. fever on the Maclear boundary. The Williams + Dora Willard + Mary Doyan were left as well as the five Mc Clisher children + the two Lindens who spend the holidays at S. Augustines. Nora Mivana went for her holiday.

9th - Sat.

John Williams borrowed the hospital car + took his children home. They left at 8.30.

10th - Sun.

Dora + Mary were fetched by motor just as we were going to Church.

11th - Mon.

Mass 8.30 (S. Barnabas Day). Plain song
V. - poor.

15th - Wed.

Sr Mary Baptista left for Irene where she is to stay with her brother for her rest.

15th - Fri.

J. W. left for home for a fortnight's holiday.

17th - Saturday

Mr. Chad took the children for a walk in the afternoon.

18th - Mon.

Sr Claudia went to S. Mary's for her rest. Sr Marcia to S. Augustines -

20th - Wed.

Nathaniel Tjo began plastering walls of Dining Room.

29th - Fri.

John Williams returned from his fortnight's holiday.

Nora who should have returned from her holiday on 27th

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July. took another week. & Nomatumba^{who} was not able to go on her holiday until Korah returned only got off on 5th July, instead of 24th June. Korah had poisoned her pot with a piece of mealie stalk as there was some grease.

9th Mon: Sr. C returned from S. Marys - Sr. Marcia went back to S. Marys.

12th Thurs: Sr. Mbs returned from Irene, arriving at S. Marys at about 11 p.m.

14th Sat: Sr. Mbs. & Sr. Ebs in Retreat, Sr. Editha came to tea with Sr. C. Mr. Aaking came to say Florence has a touch of flu

15th Sunday Trinity VI. (Rev.) Mr. Mrs. Woodard came to aft. tea - Marcia returned from her holiday.

16th Mon: Ludwick (Maseko) came from Umkata with Sr. Gayel & Mina. Florence came in the aft:

17th Tues: Twenty two children arrived today -

18th Wed: School reopened with thirty children - The plastering of the School room was finished at dinner time - ^{in the aft.} the girls with Annie Maitshu under Sr. E. M. gave the School room a good cleaning & got the furniture back. Boys cleared away the earth & sand from the Compound - Alfred & Jack Sherer arrived in the afternoon.

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July 18th

Sr. G. B put up new pictures in the Schoolroom. The children had polished all the furniture so it looked v. bright & pretty. Sr. G. B was at work putting finishing touches with Mr. McC. G to help, until 8.30 p.m.

19th Thurs.

Between 12.30 & 1 a.m. Cecil Mc. Gowan woke up to see flames. Roused the other boys & Mr. Williams. The main building was all ablaze. The kitchen clearly being the centre of the fire. John & the boys were only able to put blankets & coats round themselves & hastily drag out a few things. Sr. C was awakened by the smell of the fire & was soon on the scene. Fr. Rumsey was called. & Fr. Chard & all worked hard to try & save what was possible. But the fire spread too rapidly to do much. A spark must have lodged in the hatch & this under the cover of the iron sheeting burned furiously & tho' there was v. little wind the whole building was quickly involved. The furniture, including Pianos was dragged out of the Schoolroom & everything in that room was saved as well as the

Contents of the Office - one table was pulled out of the Dining Room but nothing else. By 3 a.m. the destruction was complete & only the burning window sashes & some beams were left flickering. The noise throughout was terrific - the iron sheeting & beams cracking & popping & falling in the roar of the flames. Several native men came to help. Beachy, Nathaniel Tjo, Francis Jikijela, Hamilton Mvambo & others. It was feared that the meal hut at the back of the Dining Room might catch. This had been emptied of its contents. The grass kept catching but the men beat it out & the hut was saved. Soon after three Fr. Rumsey went off (John had been sent to bed in the Mission Guest House before this as he had been suffering from lumbago & had ricked his back). The boys were packed with their mattresses & blankets into the new hut & Sr. C & Sr. G. B. went to their cells. Father Chard after arraying himself in macintosh & hat kept watch resting in a deck chair between running about putting out flames in the

wooden frame work as it seemed to spring up again in various places. At 5.30 Sr. C went to report to Superior - At 7 Mr. Conner came with cups of tea & biscuits & was followed by Fr. Callaway. Later Mr. Conner sent very thing necessary for the children's breakfast. Cups & saucers, knives, spoons, & a plentiful supply of bread & marmalade. Tomatumba had made a fire & cooked porridge in kaffir pots, so the children were able to have a plentiful breakfast. They sat on the floor in the Community Hut & Superior who had arrived on the scene & the Sisters looked after them. At 9 o'clock Father Callaway presided over a meeting to consider what was to be done. It was decided that the children should not be sent home, but that school should be carried on using the huts & living out of doors as far as possible. The native servants were moved out of their hut into the meal hut & the boys went into it. Sr. C's cell was turned into a school room - the Community Hut became a

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