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Flooded River held up their return. - They arrived back after 9M.

24. 2. 54. S.M. Michael returns from her Rest.
6. 3. 54. S.M. Michael has six teeth out + new plate put in.
8. 3. 54. The seculars living in our compound. [Miss Register, Cranmore, and Sinclair] move to Key Cottage to live now DR DREW is on fulltime. Only Miss Wright the night-sister remains. S.M.M. is to housekeep for them.
- SEA spends 1 night at Mbokolwana.
22. 3. 54. Certain of S. Marys Hostel girls show resentment + defiance when not allowed to attend a Parish Social in Lent. ~~They~~ They refuse to go on the walk planned for them + sit outside the school for nearly 3 hours - they had been warned of the seriousness of such an action.
23. 3. 54. Two of the Hostel girls dismissed + the rest of the offenders have letters sent to parents - they may only return if they bring letter of apology and are warned that the next offence means dismissal.
28. 3. 54. Schools close for 10 days holiday.
3. 4. 54. Lent Retreat comv + CSTB combined. Conductor Fr Playne.
5. 4. 54. Borders return - schools re-open.
6. 4. 54. Miss Dale a nursing sister arrives from England - she is to live at Key Cottage.
16. 4. 54. Good Friday - Fr Playne said the Mass of the Presanctified at 6.30. (We had the Altar of Repose in S. Marys chapel) ... The 3 Hours was unconducted.
18. 4. 54. Easter Day. Miss Druce spends afternoon here, and Betty Cranmore comes to tea before leaving for Ovamboland tomorrow.
28. 4. 54. S. Evelyn Angela goes for her Rest to E. London.
15. 5. 54. Telegram postponing the visit of Mother Provincial owing to sickness.
20. 5. 54. Sr Evelyn Angela returns from E. London. Mother E. and S.A.C meet her in Umfata.

- 28.5.54 Sr Dorothea comes for her Rest
26. ? S.A.C. and party go out in car, it breaks down and they are helped home. It is under discussion that we sell the car.
- 29.5.54. S.A.C. S.M.M. go to bus station. S.Dorothea accompanies them part of way for sketching.
- 4.6.54. S.M.M. ceases doing housekeeping at Key Cottage and Miss Sinclair takes it over. S.M.M. concentrates on S.S. work.
Sr Dorothea does various sketching jaunts during this week.
- 12.6.54. Mother Eu. S.E.A. & S.M.M. go up to CSJB for the Chapter Meeting to end the 6 month experiment of self-government. CSJB asked that they may still continue with CSMV authorities.
- 13.6.54. The S.M.H. girls give S.D. a short concert in the evening
- 17.6.54 Heavy Rain prevents S.D. going on a visit to Mbokotwana.
- 18.6.54. Schools & Hostels close for June Holidays.
- 19.6.54. Workers Mass & Meeting.
- 21.6.54. Sr Dorothea leaves for Irene after her Rest.
- 30.7.54. Muriel Drews admitted into Hospital with slight dysphtheria. S.A.C. & SEA go to Mbokotwana to see Sr Beatha and to collect Miss Drews dog & the 5 puppies. On the way home they collect S. Editha from the bus in Tsolo coming for her Rest.
- 6.7.54. S.A.C. goes for her Rest to E. London.
- 9.7.54 Mother Euphemia goes back to live at CSJB after the six month experiment.
- 12.7.54 Schools Re-open.
- 19.7.54 Mother Provincial arrives. Min Wheeler meets her in Tsolo with Mother Eu. & SEA
- 21.7.54. SA Editha leaves after her Rest.
- 24.7.54 Telegram from E. London. SAC asking to stay on longer for her Rest to convalesce after flu.
- 30.7.54 A meeting held in the school called by Mr Ngobale to call off the court case between him and Sr Beatha.
- Aug 2nd SAC Returns from her Rest. Min Wheeler fetches her from Umhlati
- " 3 A farewell supper for Mother Provincial in the Office
- " 4 Mother Provincial leaves by the early Bus

14. 8. 54 S.M.M away from Saturday - Tuesday doing out-station
S-School work.
- 1-9. 54. Miss Drews leaves us after a weeks visit to convalesce after
flu.
6. 9. 54 Mother Eu: goes for her 'Rest' to E. London. She travels
down in Jeep with Fr Sup: - Fr Shave.
S.J. leaves CS38.
8. 9. 54. S. Marys Hostel Birthday. Sung Mass. Evening Party & dance.
14" - 20" Miss Preston with us for her long Retreat & visit.
24" Schools close for short holidays.
25" Workers Meeting. Mother Euphemia returns from 'Rest' in
afternoon. Miss Wheeler & P.E.M meet her at Cross Roads 2-17.
- Oct 14" Schools re-open. S. Beatha goes to Edelental Hosp: Maritzburg
for treatment for her ankles. S. Tabitha in charge of
CS38 Branch Home down here.
- Oct 13" S. Margie Michael goes to East London to join Mother Primiud
and prepare the Collage for the arrival of Mother General.
21. 10. 54 Mother General and Mother Mary Frances (Miracis) arrive
from England. Mother Eu: - Mr Wright collect them from
the Cross Roads. (217) - Talking Tea.
28. 10. 54 Mother General & S.C taken by Miss Wheeler to Sung Mass
at Outstation - Rain all the time.
30. 10. 54 Miss Wheeler takes Mother General - Mother Eu: - Fr Sup: to
visit the Bp in Umlata. - They collect Father from Gungululu.
31. 10. 54 Miss Drews arrives for a Retreat and to Renew her
Oblations on 4. 11. 54.
7. 11. 54 Mother General & Mother Eu: go to Mbokolwana with Miss
Wheeler for the Sung Mass. S.A.C. S.C & Mother Mary Frances
go with Mr Wright to the Syrod Mass in Umlata
In the afternoon the Archbishop of Capetown and 4 other
Bishops visited the Mission - Solemn Evensong and
Meeting in Parish Hall afterwards.
10. 11. 54 Mother General leaves for the Transvaal - S.E.A goes with
her to Maritzburg for a private Retreat: . . .

15. 11. 54. SEA Returns from Namtzburg.
17. 11. 54. Miss Bamhead and Miss Paley come for 10 days holiday from Johannesburg.
- The Bishop pays an official visitation to CSJB and presides at Her Special Chapter the next day.
19. 11. 54. The Form I & II J.C.'s go home after writing their Exams.
20. 11. 54. A special Meeting called by Fr Superior to discuss the future of our Schools & Hostels.
26. 11. 54. Miss Bamhead & Miss Paley leave.
- 22 - Mother Euphemia in private Retreat for a week.
1. 12. 54. An Emergency Heads of Departments Meeting called at which Fr Superior announced his decision to close the Secondary & Primary Schools next April 1st as we cannot co-operate with the Government's Education policy. Very few children will be expected back for the 1st quarter of next year so S. Marys Hostel will now be closed. The Weaving & Carpentry Schools to carry on as usual for the present. The CSJB Industrial school is free to carry on also. CSJB will only take Industrial & Primary Boarders.
3. 12. 54. Schools close. S. Marys Hostel sends most of its equipment up to CSJB.
4. 12. 54. The Hospital staff view the Hostel and are eager to take it over (paying rent) from January 1st.
6. 12. 54. Telegram from Mother General - she will try and send a SA Secretary for the Father - SEA to go to Leseding - S.C. to return to England Feb. .
- The Bp. gives his consent for CSJB to have own authorities.
13. 12. 54. C.S.J.B. in their annual Retreat conducted by Fr Fielding. Small fire in CSJB Refectory caused by paraffin stove - SEA get her feet burnt and has to be in Hospital 3 days.
18. 12. 54. Sister Tabitha elected to be Mother of CSJB. She appoints S. Marys: Mary as N. Mistress. Mother Euphemia comes to live at S. Marys.
19. 12. 54. C.S.M.V. Keep their Advent Retreat (unconducted)

20. . Sr Cheryl got a booking on Edinburgh Castle for Feb: 18. S.S.A. to leave on Dec: 27 for Irene then Leeding.
20. 12. 54. Sister Mary Pauline (Blomfontein) arrives for her 'Rest'.
20. 12. 54. Mass 6 a.m., then c.s.m.v. and visiting Sisters attend the 7. Mass at c.s.i.B. Convent and the installation of Mother Tabitha by the Fr. Supr. General S.S.J.F. and the admission of Sr Mary Mary as Novice Mistress
24. 12. 54. Christmas Eve. 11.45 p.m. Midnight Mass in Chapel.
- Christmas Day Fr. Supr. General Celebrant, Fr. Provincial Server. hymns sung in English, Kyrie, Agnus etc in Xhosa. In afternoon all went to c.s.i.B. Chapel at 3 for Carols and to watch the fun at the childrens' tea party & Christmas Tree. The children invited were the Wrights, Robys and Sandys.
- 27th 12. 54. Sr Evelyn Angela left for Irene, Sr. E. will follow as soon as Sr. Samé can be released to become the Sister Supr. c.s.m.v. at S. Cuthbert's. Mother Mary Frances (Fairweather) also left by car, travelling with her cousin and family, by stages, to Louis Trichant. She has been a most gracious & charming guest S.S.J.F. in Retreat for 4 days. Fr. Supr. Gen: conducting it.

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- Jan. 55 The Fr. Supr. General called to talk over future so. organisation
6. 1. 55 7. of Epiphany. Sr. Mary Pauline c.s.m.v. & A.A. returned to Blomfontein
8. 1. 55 Annual Chapter of c.s.i.B. - the first without c.s.m.v.
14. 1. 55 Miss Preston arrived for holiday until the 31st and to work at the Mission accounts in preparation for Sr. Olive Frances who will be coming on the 24th to take over that work
- Sr. Charity's passage to England booked Feb: 18th
21. 1. 55. Taniel Drove came for the week end and spent Saturday in Retreat
24. 1. 55 All went to the Clothing of Novice Felicity and Ursula in

The Convent Chapel of C.S.V.B. St. Olive Frances arrived
about 7.15. P.M.

25. 1. 55 7. of Conversion of S. Paul. S. G. F. started work in the
Central Office under Lucia Preston's wing.

28. 1. 55 Sister Eusebi arrived after having raising dinner for
Peter Muntzing

29. 1. 55 S. E. was installed on the Feast of St. Francis de Sales.

2. 2. 55 Sister Euphemia left with S. Manuel Owen.

F. J. Pimprials stay at Mbakatwana en route for Irene

7th Miss Jenn left. Hospital Executive met in the
Superior's office.

8th Miss Budden left by taxi

9th We had a talking tea as it was the Oct. Day and S.
Charity had tea with us

10th Dr. Van de Valt drove Sister Charity to Umata station
S. Eusebi. S. Agnes Crystal also went and did some
shopping. Dr. gave us all tea - We parted from S. C.
R. & returned home at about 4.30 arriving 6.30 as
roads were bad.

11th A telegram from S. Charity to say that she
was sailing that afternoon on the Cornwall
Miss Wallace and ~~the~~ Miss Thoyles
to stay. 14th a letter from S. Euphemia re arrival!

16th Miss Wallace left

18th S. Stella C.S.P. came to stay

21 S. Maryon Michael left for her long Retreat at All
Saints. Mother Tobatha went to Mbakatwana.

23 We were all asked in C.S.V.B. Chapel before 6.20 Mass
All went to church for High Mass at 8.15

24 St. Matthias - Four C.S.V.B. sisters were elected to
make their final vows. S. Eusebi went to Mass in
their Chapel.

25th The Miss Thoyles left en route for England.

- 26 S' Ernie - Retreat
- 27 S' Olive Frances - Retreat
- 28 S' Agnes Crystal - Retreat.
- March 1st S' Agnes Crystal's Professors day. We had a talking liea - Floods of rain. Fr Young brought S' Marys Michael safely through the mud!
- 1st - 6th. A very wet week
- 6th We were told that the four C.S. J.B. sisters were to make their final profession on Thurs. 10th.
- 7th S' Nomakolwa was felled from Mbakatwana and the four went into Retreat.
- 8th Unable to procure rings!
- 9th S' Agnes Crystal went to Tsolo on the ferry and managed to procure rings. Hospital Board Sisters Ernie + Olive Frances attended! - Confessors -
- 10th A lovely Sung Mass and profession. Mass in our chapel was cancelled and we all went to C.S. J.B. S' Stella still with us. S' Ernie went to the Professors liea.
- 11th S' Stella left us at 6.15 am en route for Masasi.
- 13th Nurse Fowler brought the housekeeper for Key Cottage to liea.
- 14th The High Altar was brought forward - below chancel steps in preparation for the removal + rebuilding of the East end of the Sanctuary. S' Marys Michael went to a Diocesan meeting - Umbata re Evangelisation - S. Schs etc -
- 17th The Holy Hour was cancelled as the Blessed Sacrament has been removed to S.S.J.E. Chapel pending building operations. Post arrived today instead of 16th.
- 20 The Mass was sung not High as the Sanctuary floor

[great mithering ceremonies!]

has been ripped up prior to the removal of the East Wall
The altar is temporarily at the foot of the Chancel steps

21st Sunday school teachers began to arrive for a conference
convened by S^r Mary's Michael. S^r Mary's hostel used

22nd S^r N. D. busy with conference - S^r Esme gave just uplift
talk

23rd Mother Tabitha + S^r Esme went to Mbotkaiwana on
the Native bus to Sterrard met. then at Tsolo. They
met Fr Shinn in Tsolo on the return journey +
retinal on the land-rover.

24th Annunziata - a happy day - S^r O.F. kept the
anniversary of her profession day with great festivities
The teachers left

26th S^r Esme + S^r Agnes Crystal were driven to Umtata
by the Wrights accompanied by Hughie Fowler. A
most successful day. Fr Young returned per E.L.

27th Miss Green - a nurse taking 6 weeks duty at St.
Lucy's came to tea

28th Fr Payne left for Capetown.

31st All but S^r O.F. were in Retreat - Father Shinn
gave us an address on Wed: even and another
on Thurs: morning.

April 2nd Quarterly Meeting

3rd Sisters Esme + Olive Frances went to see a film
of the Passion shown in the parish hall! Sister
Fowler came to tea.

5th S^r Olive Frances in Retreat

7th Maundy Thursday Mass attended by 17 Europeans - including
the 4 sisters. The Blessed Sacrament was taken to an altar
of Repose - A ewm was thurges - The altar was stripped. A
Watch was kept before the Altar of Repose. C.S.J.B. Sisters
were responsible for most of Thursday but the priests-sisters
+ various members of the Staff watched for Spm until 8
8:30 am. Miss Wallace came for weekend.

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