

June 1950

June 9 (cont.) Children & people all stayed in Dining Room after its blessing & officiating & S R & S M B only entered Kitchen Pantry & Storeroom. A pause was made at the linen Room blessed as a workroom. Then all people followed the procession into the Boys' Dormitory leaving by the Charge Room back to the Verandah where a few prayers were said & the Blessing. All then including the Natives who were officiating found a place in the Dining Room where tea had previously been laid but F. Callaway gave a few words to us all before beginning tea. All the Europeans on the Mission were present & many Natives & Coloured. As soon as children were ready a variety of entertainment was given by them on the verandah forms being put for the people up by the Boy's Dor: M^{rs} Maxwell & Douglas Burn & Magdalene M. arrived in the middle of it & Clifton Dennis got stuck in a mud hole so arrived after all was over. He took Lily home.

2 Burns, Mary Douglas - Lorna King & Ad King - Asalthe went home that night. A Native came for the Douglans & as usual slept in the hut by the gate.

White Tuesday
June 10

M^{rs} Brauns came in a wagon for her two children & the

June 1930

- July.

- Douglas went with her. F. Wallis came to talk to the holiday children.
- Wed. 11th Francina Jikijela left today. - Boys Dor. & Charge room used. -
- Fri. 13 Nomatamba went home because of an approaching wedding in her family. Dorcas came as a stop gap.
- Wed. 18. SEB in Retreat. Margaret Linden & Cecil William arrived in Trolley at 2^o p. Carpenter boys came to fit in Linen Room table
- Thurs 19. SEB went into Tsolo by Mission car taking Ludwig & Nancy to meet Margaret William but she was late & is to sleep at Sanders when she arrives by Kokstad car at 12 tonight.
- Fri. 20. S.R. to the Cottage at Recreation time for 3 weeks rest.
- July Saty 12 S.R. back to S Augustines after Vespers.
SMB arrived from Irene yesterday. She is now to live up at S. Augustines.
- Mon 14. Agnes Mhlahlela began work @ 10/- a month. Dorcas to come Thurs: to scrub @ 9^o boys Dor. @ 6^o Girls Dor. on Fridays.
- Tues 15. S. Mabel of Maritzburg visited us in the afternoon.
- Wed 16. SMB, SEB in Retreat. Holiday children to Snake Bush for picnic. Rev. Hadinotte & Miss H. Miss Lewis & Miss Gilham (actress) visited us in the morning.
- Thurs 17. SEB went to Umtata with Margaret Linden at 2^o p. Slept at S. Bede's College & came out next day with S. Marcia. S.R. got lumbago
- Fri. 18. S. Marcia arrived before dinner. All went to tea at cottage to see how S.R. straight up to bed.

July 1950

August

Sunday. 20 Some children arrived in the evening. Nurse came up to see S.R.

Mon: 21st School re-opened with 20 children not all on register. S.R. still in bed. Nurse came again.

Tuesday 22. S.R. up a few hours. Willie Dennis arrived at 8.30 with Lily. F. Callaway looked in.

Wed: 23. F. Callaway came for Prayers & Scripture lessons.

Thurs. 24. Nurse Davis came up & stayed to morning tea.

S. James
Fri. 25. 8.30 Mass. Superior with S. Cornelia D'Maude & Nurse Gibson arrived from Irene about 3 p.m.

S.R. back at ordinary duties & to Recreation at Cottage.

Sun: 27. Wet & cold Catechism in Schoolroom.

Mon. 28. Superior & S. Mary Cornelia came up at about 11 p.m. M. Anderson came & put the stand on the Giltoline. M. Davies came up in the afternoon, we talked about pulling down the old fowl house.

Tues 29. Vespers changed to 5 p.m. followed by Reading followed by Recreation.

Sun: Aug 3. Nomatamba & Agnes Mhlahlela went to 6.15 Mass Hlasee seeing to breakfast. Margaret William walked into Tsolo accompanied by Nomatamba & Agnes.

Monday 4. Bank Holiday - Picnic to Bole 2nd Bush S.R. in Retreat.

Tues: 5. Mary Douglas & Ellen Atkins went off before 6.30. Agnes

Aug. 19⁰⁰

- Tues. Aug. 5. Sent to M'Adkins who came down in a car & went off to Tsolo. He returned about 6^o with Ellen having left Mary with her relations in Tsolo.
- Sat. 9. S.M.B. in Retreat. Dinner 12^o S.E.B. took children for a long walk. - S^r Margaret Mary of All Saints Capetown came up to see S. Augustines from 4 - 5.30.
- Sun: 10. A swarm of bees caught by Mary M^r Al: & taken to middle shanty. S^r Jane came up during the early evening.
- Fri. 15. 10 Communicants to S. Mary's Chapel for Plainsong Mass 6^{am}.
- Sat. 16. S.E.B. in Retreat. S^r M. Cornelia up to 11^o tea.
- Mon: 18 9^o S.R. went to Mlaza with S^r Superior, S^r Mary Cornelia & S^r Margaret Mary of All Saints Cape Town. Nurse Gibson went as far as Tsolo to get the hospital car. We brought her back at 6^o without it. It came on at 9^{pm}. F^r Wallis a small operation in Cape Town delaying his expected return.
- Tues. 19. S^r Mary Cornelia came up to morning tea before returning to Irene at 2^{pm}. S.E.B. had a cable to tell of the death of her brother. Ruby calved.
- Sat. 23 School held today because M^r Janson Minister of Native Affairs came & with him M^r Alfred Payn M.P. Tsolo Magistrate & his wife M^rs Bowen D'Anders. All went to greet them at 10.30. They visited S. ~~Cornelia~~ ^{Augustines} M^r Hughes & F^r Thomson conducting them round. F^r Superior also came. They left about 12.30 - 1^o We all went down to the send off. The Magistrate introduced M^r Janson who said a few appropriate words.

Aug 1900

Sun. 24th

S^r Dorothea came up to lēa followed by Superior. They came to give a statue of S. Augustine with 2 little servers holding his cope. S^r Dorothea made it for the Festival.

Mon. 25th

A Priest from Grahamstown came to see the School & had 4th lēa with us in Zoar.

Wed. 27th

SR went in to Umtala with Superior to bring Mother Juliet out. Slaved 8.15 home 4.30. S^r Aug: children went to cottage to welcome her with the hand bells. Then they went to play while all Sisters went to Chapel for the Magnificat - then lēa^r vespers.

S^r Augustines Day
Thurs 28th

6.20 Mass in Sisters' Chapel. F^r Thomson said a few words. School from 8.30. - 1.30 exclusive of Scripture lesson.

10.30 Mother Juliet Superior S^r Marjorie Gabriel S^r Dorothea & S^r Florence Cecily came up with James carrying oranges & cakes for the children. CSMV lēa on Verandah at 3.30.

F^r Thomson came at 4.20 to bless the statue of S. Augustine. At 4.30 the variety entertainment was repeated for the sake of Mother Juliet & Sister Superior.

Fri. 29th

Mina Ntweni was received as a Novice to the SJB. S^r M.B. was in early work & not present. F^r Callaway

admitted her Jonathan (Mvāla) sang the the Xosa Mass. Mother J. gave a lecture in Community Room SR absent. 5th c.

Saty 30th

Combined CSMV & S. Aug: Picnic F^r Superior lent sleigh but it could not be found so Mendu lent his Tiger Bush. Mother Juliet came too.

Sep. 1980

- Mon Tues Wed Thurs. Mother gave a course of lectures on the Acts of the Apostles at 5.30 ^{in S. Marcia's Hut}. Those in charge had to be absent in turn.
- Fri. 5th 1st Evensong for S. Cuthbert's Festival 4% all went. only 3 women baptised. Jonathan Mrwala preached.
- S. Cuthbert's Day
Saty 6. Mass 6.20 at Cottage & 8.30 Xosa. dinner early & children to Singing & sports
- Sun 7. No Catechism. SR took children for walk instead.
(Nativity of DVM)
Mon 8. Native Boarder children's Birthdays. Willie to serve in Chapel
SR to 6.00 church - children made their Communion at 6.00
Mother Juliet came up for Prayers & talk at 9%. Tea-party for Sisters at cottage 8.00.
- Wed. 10 M. Juliet & S.M. Gabriel left at 1.30 for E. London via Umtata.
- Saty 13. SEB in Retreat. 4.30 F. Wallis came to talk to the children for the first time since his return from C. Town.
- Holy Cross Day
Sun. 14. A very stormy day. Very cold & windy. Catechism in schoolroom.
- Tues. 16. SR in Retreat.
- Wed. 17. Wayfarers came up at playtime for drill & skipping.
- Saty 20. Wayfarers Rally. Dinner 12% all went 1-4.30.
- Wed. 24. Pearls ^{heiter} calf came in Father's Padlock. Wagon came with part meal order no bran. S. M B in Retreat.
- Thurs. 25. Rev. Johnson from Constantia came to say Goodbye.
F. Rumsey brought D. Welsh & another gentleman to see the school.
- Mon 29. Michaelmas Day Children for a picnic to Lion Bush. Came home by 3% because of threatening weather.

S. Augustine

Aug. 22. 20.

Ministers Visit.

Dear Sister -

Tomorrow is being observed as a
School Day in view of the above though I
do not know if you wish to make it so.

Anyhow I hope you will all
come down for the welcome 1st. when
you hear the Church bell (about 10.30)
all come & form up somewhere between
the old bell & the Church. In the course of
the morning we shall bring him to see
S. Augustine (we propose to arrive in motor
cars!) & then (say 45 minutes after)
come down again for the 2nd of.

Yours truly - Th

Drumsey

Oct. 1980

- Wed. Oct. 8. So wet that the proposed visit of the Superintendent General of Education was cancelled. F. Wallis returned.
- Fri. 10. SMB turned back from her proposed visit to Nongtolo owing to the prospect of very bad weather ahead.
- Sat. 11. School held all day to make up for Michaelmas picnic.
- Tues. 14. S.R. in Retreat.
- Wed. 15. F. Wallis came for his Scripture lesson during which M. Cormner brought the new postmaster of Tsolo & his wife to see the school. Ironing for the 2nd time done up at S. Augustines as it is to be now in future.
- S. Luke's Day
Sat. 18. S.E.B. in Retreat Xosa Mass 8.30. Early dinner
S.R., S.M.B. took children for bath followed by walk.
- Tues. 21. Nurse Gibson & Superior came up at 4^{1/2} to see how the children were progressing with their part of the Nativity Play. Notice from Education Dep. to say school must close Dec. 1980. F. Wallis & Superior wrote to Dep. sending it through D. Anders. We decide to keep on even if Grant goes.
- Fri. 24. S.M.B. went to Nongtolo at 2^{1/2}.
- Sat. 25. Children went at 8 a.m. to Kwanca, returning at 6 p.m. S.M.B. returned at 5.30.
- Sun. 26. A little Coloured girl from Dorcas' Kraal came up to see us with N. Nontsikilelo.

Nov 1. - Dec.

Sat. ^{9.30.} All Saints Children to Mass. 10 Communicants at 6.30. S M B in Retreat

Turkey eaten for dinner.

Fri. 7. Turkey hatched 11 eggs out of 12, yesterday fowls & cows changed places after some alterations had been made.

Tues.

Nov 11

Sat. 15

Sun 16.

S M B in Retreat.

S E B "

went into Tsolo to see Crouch's daughter.

" 22

S M B in Retreat.

Sun 23.

Catechism for the last time Ludwik & Alsace got the Analysis Prizes. S E B went to Tsolo at 1.30 back in time for tea & practice for Nativity Play.

Thurs 27.

Rev J Damon visited the Mission on lorry

Fri. 28.

8.30 Miss Rowe came to examine Needlework etc. stayed to morning tea on the verandah. 7.30 Children's

Retreat began F Wallis took it in address in Church. Dorothy Crouch came for the Retreat.

Sat. 29

Children's Retreat in S. Lueys Chapel. Intercession for Missions

Sun 30

Wet so children stayed up for Rec: time. They went to S. Lueys at 7% the only Mass for them. No Catechism No Rehearsal but Vespers at 4.15 & Evensong 5.45 as arranged previously.

Mon 1.

S. Andrews Day Kept. Dorothy Crouch returned ^{to Tsolo} at 6.30 a.m. 7.30 Nativity Play in Hospital Compound.

Tues.

Dec. 2.

Heard of S Alice's illness late in Evening.

Wed. 3.

Telegram to say D Anders inspecting tomorrow.

Dec. 1930.

- Thurs. Dec. 4th. School Inspection by D. Anders.
- Fri. " 5th. School finished for the Quarter.
- Sat. 6. S. Nicholas - Children to S. Lucy's Chapel 6.20 for Communion
Fr. Wallis gave a suitable little Sermon. Home to festival
breakfast - presents card & sweets in plates. Sunday
dinner - rest - bath - tea & play in Hospital ground at
7. So. Mary Dougan's man came with horses - Brauns wagon -
- Sun. 7. Communion at 6.15 Mass - all present - M^{rs} Adkins
to breakfast. Ellen & Dorothy left after. Brauns &
Dougan left. Wagon trolley came for Burns.
Herbert Dennis & M^{rs} Bedworth came for Lillie at 11.45.
SEB went at 10.45 into Tsolo to see Grouhi dayiles
- Wed 10. At 10^o Holiday children left in trolley SEB went
to Umlala to have teeth seen to. SMB went as far
as Belo & walked back.
- Fri. 12. SEB returned not v. well.
- Tue. 16. Advent Retreat taken by F. Pulley Superior not well
enough to join. Bad day turkeys in all day
- Fri. 19. 1 baby Turkey died. just 6 weeks old.
SMB gone with teacher Martha to Nongolo.
Apricot tree stripped & bottled. Turkeys reduced to 4.

Hilda Samblaho came to cook during holidays after
(Nomatamba & Agnes holiday) (Jini stayed) Xmas.

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