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August

meals at the Cottage. They sent stamped needles & thread, & paid 3<sup>d</sup> for tea & sugar.

Thurs: 13<sup>th</sup>

The women came out at breakfast. They were delighted with Mr. Hartley's address & much helped.

Fri: 19<sup>th</sup>

The next retreat began - weaving school girls, Housecraft & S. Albert's girls slept at S. Mary's & had two meals here - going to church for their retreat, taken by Mr. Hartley. The Novices joined that retreat - also boys who had left school & some young men who had been unable to join the Thurs Wednesday retreat. The girls of the Primary School had a retreat here taken by S. Euphemia. The five little girls were out also Violet & Adelaide Magaña who had been in retreat at Neele.

Sat: 20<sup>th</sup>

Retreat all day.

Sun: 21<sup>st</sup>

Mr Hartley preached at Mass. Mrs Hartley came to tea.

Wed: 24<sup>th</sup>

S. Margaret Mary left. S. Rachel went with her to go to the dentist.

Fri: 26<sup>th</sup>

Superior went to Tolo to meet Mother & S. Claudia who are coming for the Jubilee. They came by Kokostad, & got here at 5.45.

Sat: 27<sup>th</sup>

Canon Phelps Stokes, his wife & daughter & her daughter's friends came for the week-end. The Canon was at the mission house, the ladies at Mrs Scott's.

Sun: 28<sup>th</sup>

The Canon preached at mass - talked to the Catechism about negro education, & to the European Staff, at 7.15, on the Church in the States, & the great progress made by the negroes all most interesting. The S. Augustine's children came to mass.

Mon: 29<sup>th</sup>

Mnikelo was clothed - Sung mass with Incense Fr. Thomson received her - nyetshya arrives.

September -

Mon: 5<sup>th</sup>

Mother went to Nkumba with B. Squires -

Thurs: 8<sup>th</sup>

The children's birthday on the Nativity of the B.V.M. - a small Concert in the evening -

Fri: 9<sup>th</sup>

Mrs Phelps, Miss Porter & Miss Wolfe came for the Jubilee - The train was very late so the Archbishops & Bishops & Mrs Phelps arrived too late for evening-reception of penitents before evening - M. Xaba among them - The students from all Saints came - 18

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>

The children made their Communion at 5-30 - some in our Chapel & some in the little chapel - S. Margaret's girls went to S. Lucy's at 5-30 - The all Saints girls at 6-30 - There was also mass in our chapel at 6-30 & in the little chapel. There was no room for all the people in church so there was an overflow Mass outside - The Archbishops after preaching in church came & preached to those outside & gave the blessing. Then followed the Feast - There were speeches afterwards which took so long that there was no time for sports - The neds had a feast provided as it was the Jubilee - Eunice came from Lovedale & Impetsheya from Holy t. The girls from all S.S. slept in the 2<sup>nd</sup> class room & had their meals in the Cookery.

Sun: 11<sup>th</sup>

Our Communicants were allowed to go to the 8-30 Service in church. There were a great many communicants - There was English Evensong at 3 - The Archbishops preached - a great many Europeans came - Tea was given afterwards in the weaving school in their court yard. The Sisters had tea by themselves

Mon: 12<sup>th</sup>

in the Cowman's room. Funeral of Nelson Mazonba at 11. He was drowned by being thrown from his horse in a drift. The Great event was the Pageant (Monday had been granted as a holiday) a great many people came from Tso. most of the European children.

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September

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Mon: 12<sup>th</sup>

The Pageant began soon after 11 & went on till 1.15, it was excellent. Church History - Life of S. Culbert, Life, our time, of Bp. Kay. It finished with a Vision of the future - African Bishop - African Priests, Monks Sisters, Doctors & Nurses - The Bishop sending them out to missionary work. The audience were much impressed. It was full of teaching. our visitors left. The Archbishop had a great send off. all the school collected outside the church & The Archbishop spoke a few words & gave his blessing. He was loudly cheered as the car drove off. He had said Mass in our chapel in the morning. Everything went well & the whole festival was a great success, owing to all the trouble taken about the preparations.

Wed: 14<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Exaltation - The Sisters had festival tea on the Verandah.

Sat: 17<sup>th</sup>

a wet day so the S. Augustine's picnic could not be held. Mother & S. Claudia went to dinner at S. Augustine & so had their picnic dinner in the school.

Mon: 19<sup>th</sup>

The Sisters all had tea at S. Augustine's & then the children gave a little entertainment.

Wed: 21

Festival tea - Feast of S. Matthew.

Thurs: 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mother & S. Claudia left at 6.30, we had Mass at 6 & then the 2 travellers had a cup of tea - They were going to have breakfast at Tolo, & then catch the 7.15 Bus to Kockstad, going to Irene by Maritzburg.

Fri: 24<sup>th</sup>

Most of the girls went home for their ten days holiday. Ten industrials were left & 9 school girls.

Sat: 25<sup>th</sup>

Superior stayed in bed all day - She has a bad throat. Workers mass, as usual, at 7 - The meeting at 9.45. The Mass was a Requiem for Nelson Mzomba. The hat was sent round, by Mr. Jordan, for his Widow.

September -

The Father Superior had that £52 had, so far, been collected for Oramboland but, before the end of the year, he wanted to have £100 to send. He said that the Preachers had not received any money, as the Assessment money fell far short of what it ought to be. The meeting said that it was a disgrace & something must be done. Father spoke of the Bishops decision about "i-daniso" (dancing in the European way.) He said it was impossible to forbid it, as that would mean driving it into hiding. It ought to be done under control & parents should be encouraged to go with their children - any parents who disapproved must use their authority in keeping their children at home. W. Dambuya sent in a motion that the upper standards should have a set examination in their scripture syllabus in Sep: each year. Divine also spoke urging it, for the Diocese just only the Parish. It was passed for the Parish & Miss Wallace, with any helpers she choose to ask to help her, was to set the examination - a prize to be given to the best paper. Divine said this would encourage the children, & also spur up the children teachers.

Sun: 26<sup>th</sup>

The ladies' retreat began after Vespers. only 8 in retreat so we had our meals in the Refectory.

Thurs: 29<sup>th</sup>

S. Michael fall angels. Ladies' retreat ended. Sister Ellen chimney went to Umbata to have a tooth replaced. The Sisters & girls, the 3 novices went to Rose Bank for a picnic. riding, walking. Superior & S. Euphemia in Mendi's sledge - coming home. S.F.C. boat in sledge, Na:mina lake,

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OctoberMon: 3<sup>rd</sup>

The girls came back very well - a few were late  
Theodora did not come till Tuesday

Wed: 5<sup>th</sup>

Miss Miriam arrived, she had not been well, & Miriam  
the only one not back was Elizabeth Tsengive -

Fri: 7<sup>th</sup>

Mother was to see a London Specialist, by request  
of Mr. Adams, & Mr. Greaves.

Mon: 10<sup>th</sup>

S. Gazel, who has not been well, went to Indore -

Fri: 14<sup>th</sup>

Mother was to go to London on Sep: 26<sup>th</sup> for an  
operation.

Mon: 17<sup>th</sup>

S. Euphemia went to Umbata - she is going to stay  
with Mrs Hughes for her rest. 7<sup>th</sup> by 17<sup>th</sup> Superior

S. Ethel Beatrice went in the same car - The  
Fathers for a finance meeting - S. E. B. to the  
dentist - her plate is uncomfortable, & she can  
only eat soft food. Miss Rowe arrived & began  
inspecting the Housecraft School. Sister

Ethel Beatrice got back. The dentist said that her  
gums had shrunk, & she needs a new plate.

Wed: 19<sup>th</sup>

The Housecraft inspection ended - but the girls  
are to be marked on the work they do for the  
rest of the quarter, so they do not know yet  
whether they have passed or not. Miss Rowe  
was pleased with the work. Sister Editha  
got a rise in her grant.

Sun: 23<sup>rd</sup>

A P. C. from Mother Provincial, saying that there had  
been a cable from home saying Mother's bandages  
were off - she was allowed pillows & every hope of  
her eyesight being saved.

Mon: 24<sup>th</sup>

Miss Rowe left at 10 am. she said the girls were to be marked  
on their work for the rest of the term so the results are not known  
yet.

Mon: 31<sup>st</sup>

a cable, wired on from Irene, said that Mother was home &  
allowed to read & write in moderation. So the Assistant  
will be able to go to India, as proposed, on Nov: 4<sup>th</sup>.  
& Mother be able to carry on D. G.

November.

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>

S<sup>r</sup>: Euphemia returned - she came in the Bishop's car with Miss Bothwell, with whom she spent the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of her rest.

S<sup>r</sup>: Angela <sup>s.e.e</sup> also came with S<sup>r</sup>: Qualeh.

Thur: 3<sup>rd</sup>

S. Angela went round the mission - Fred Dzana died suddenly B.I.P.

Fri: 4<sup>th</sup>

S<sup>r</sup>: Angela spent most of the morning at S. Augustines.

Sat: 5<sup>th</sup>

S<sup>r</sup>: Angela left. Requiem for Fred Dzana followed by his funeral. all the Boarders went - also Superior, S.F.C. & S<sup>r</sup>: Ed. the other Sisters went to the Cemetery.

Thur: 10<sup>th</sup>

Superior went to Umbata to fetch the new nurse (Miss Mills) & Miss Both, who is coming to stay for a visit. Superior stayed the night with Miss Bothwell.

Fri: 11<sup>th</sup>

Superior & the ladies arrived about 1 o'clock - Miss Mills seems very nice. Miss Mills said that she had seen Mother, before she sailed, & that the left eye was quite normal - they were so pleased with the result of the used treatment, they want to operate on the right eye, but this will probably not be until the Assistant returns from India. (later report said that the right eye was not to be done)

Sat: 12<sup>th</sup>

The girls went to the river at 10, so as to be free in the afternoon to go to a cricket match.

Tue: 15<sup>th</sup>

Father Dy was admitted to hospital

Wed: 16<sup>th</sup>

Mass in chapel - Feast of the Dedication - S. Margaret's Day - tea & concert, as usual, at the Hostel.

Thur: 17<sup>th</sup>

a terrific Hail storm in the afternoon - nearly all the windows, on the weather side, all over the mission were broken. The Sister Superior & S. Rachel put in a number of panes. many birds were killed. S<sup>r</sup>: Rose lost 25 young turkeys out of 30.

Sat: 19<sup>th</sup>

School from 8-1, in order that the schools may close on Dec: 8 instead of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Margaret Miss Nichol came to lunch the girls <sup>to dance.</sup>

Sun: 20<sup>th</sup>

Kehle was baptised, in Hospital, by Fr. Callaway - his Xian name being Tembikile.

Mon: 21<sup>st</sup>

Kehle died in the afternoon.

Tues: 22<sup>nd</sup>

Kehle's funeral was at 3 o'clock - a lot of red people were there & also all our boarder girls. News came that Noel Mbana had died from an assegai in a fight. Miss Headridge came for a few days.

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Tues: 6<sup>th</sup>

Miss Headridge & Miss Bottle left. Miss Sherrard arrived. The Doctor is going to the J.F.M.H., leaving early in January. St. Leslie is going to come once a week. Atwell Madala is also leaving, being given a post as additional Inspector of Schools. F. Callaway went back to the mission House.

Thurs: 8<sup>th</sup>

The train girls went at 2. They were told that Mr. Madala was leaving, having been given a post as inspector.

Fri: 9<sup>th</sup>

The girls left very early in the morning, except Gladys & Nobesutu, who are waiting for their confirmation. Nonalijo is also staying. She is doing 2 rooms in the morning, then scoping for father during the day, helping to wash up in the evening. Many failures in S. VI.

Sat: 10<sup>th</sup>

Teachers mass & meeting as usual. Father spoke about various changes. Mr. Bayana, from S. Matthews, is coming to be the new head master, after a year. He is waiting to take his matric. Miss Wallace will be head until he comes. Bertha Mase is going to be in Hilda Sombalelo's place in the back school. Hilda is going for higher education.

He spoke of the Doctor leaving also S. Ethel Clemency S. Eunice to become matron, & Miss Mills as nurse - a new finance Council was elected. Father also explained that all British Silver was to be changed to African before Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, & that African Silver was known by the King being crowned on African coins. 62 baptisms at 2-30. No Evensong. S. Dorothea & S. Eunice returned from a week at Ogadu. Confirmation at 4-30 about 200 Confirmed. Ethel Nokupa did not turn up. More Baptisms than there had been for a long time.

Sat: 17<sup>th</sup>

Flora, Gladys & Nobesutu made their first Communion in the little Chapel. Fr. Ly Celebrant. Ordination at 8-30. The Service began with the Sermon preached by Fr. Rumsay. There were 3 native & one European made Deacons.

Sun: 18<sup>th</sup>

The Sisters (except S. Ethel Beatrice) had their Corporate advent retreat. Gladys & Nobesutu went off at 7, in a lorry.

Mon: 19<sup>th</sup>

December -

Taking the S. Augustines children who had stayed for their Confirmation. Fr. Callaway gave an address to the Sisters at 4. Pauline & Chrysochel came by day. S. Ethel Beatrice in retreat.

Thurs: 22<sup>w</sup>

Sat: 24<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> E of Christmas at 4. The Scott party made the crèche in the porch. our crèche was under the altar as usual. Miss Athorpe did the lectern - S. Editha the pulpit, S. Mary Baptista the font. Solemn Vespers at 6. Fr. Amos <sup>S.S.M.</sup> sang Vespers, also midnight Mass. All the ladies on the mission came - also Mr. Tobley & Robin Scott - Mr. Wigham served. Coena before lectures at 10:30 Mass in Chapel at 6:30. High Mass in church at 8:30. Dinner at 7. Miss Athorpe & Miss Aldridge came. The C.S. J.B's did not come - Nancy came, she is waiting to go with Mrs Squires to J.F.M.H. all the Europeans came to tea in the parlour.

Xmas Day

Mon: 26<sup>th</sup>

Tues: 27<sup>th</sup>

Presents got ready for the Xmas tree. Xmas tree at 7:30. decorations only on the tree. Father Superior gave away the presents. not dressed as Father Xmas. There were not so many children as usual. Some of the mothers were washing, Monday being wet, & could not go home & bring their children. a crib was under the tree & Carols sung - a very happy evening was spent.

Wed: 28<sup>th</sup>

S. Dorothea went, for her rest, to East London. S. Editha went with her, as far as Umata. also Mary Dotti, on her way to Grahamstown & Nancy to say goodbye to her brother. Mr. Squires came to say goodbye.

Sat: 31.

Miss Todd, from the Lebombo Diocese, came to stay for a rest.



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## January

- Mon: 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Todd & Freddie joined a picnic party to the Bushman's Cutting - hoping to reach the cave with the paintings, which they did.
- Fri: 7<sup>th</sup> Miss Sherrard came, returning from her holiday. F. Callaway went to Kutata for a few days - during the holidays the Dining Hall, Laundry & classrooms were whitewashed. The ceiling of the Laundry was painted white, the beams brown.
- Tues: 10<sup>th</sup> Sister Ellen Clemency had her itinerary directly after Mass, all the sisters were present also Mrs Scott, Miss Atteridge, Miss Albridge, Miss Sherrard, Miss Hills & Miss Todd. The latter is having a two days retreat beginning on Sunday night - S. F. C & S. Rachel went to Kutata with S. E. C. at 1. S. Rachel went to the dentist - after the station S. E. C & S. A. C went to Bishopsmead & had tea - They were joined there by S. Rachel - after some shopping S. F. C & S. Rachel returned. Miss J. B. came to - S. E. C was left with Mrs Callaway who was going to give her Supper.
- Thurs: 12<sup>th</sup> Miss Todd, Miss Sherrard, S. Rachel & S. Editha went for a picnic - it was very hot so they did not go far. Mrs Squires & Nancy left. They went by Madear.
- Fri: 13<sup>th</sup> S. Dorothy returned about 11. She came by the Bus to Tolo.
- Sun: 15<sup>th</sup> Sister's retreat began. F. Bull conductor. Ten in retreat.
- Fri: 20<sup>th</sup> Sister's retreat ended.
- Sun: 22<sup>nd</sup> many children absent. The school girls were only 20
- Mon: 23<sup>rd</sup> School reopened. Miss Wallace moved in to the big school. Martha standard 1 & 2 in the S. VI hut.
- Tues: 24<sup>th</sup> Miss Todd left. Freddie went to Tolo with her -
- Wed: 25<sup>th</sup> Portia, Candace & Mildred came - Mrs Fadane went to Tolo to meet Selma coming by the Kokstad bus. She will bring our members up to 27. Industrials also are 28. Buyiswa went to the weaving school - Her father had applied but there was no vacancy - however one occurred

January. February.

- Thurs: 26 Cable in the afternoon to say S. Dowd's brother had passed away - later a wire saying that Ciliwe had also passed away. R. I. P.
- Sat: 28<sup>th</sup> Requiem for Mary Jane Deane - Mrs de S. Croix arrives - she will stay at Key College & help Miss Wallace with her VI & St VI. & so enable Miss Wallace to give more time to her work as Principal Teacher.
- Mon: 30<sup>th</sup> Requiem for Ciliwe - most of the girls went & 17 made their Communion.
- Fri: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Eunice left for her rest - going to Irene.  
 Mon: 6<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Buckley came with Mollie who is going to learn Weaving.
- Thurs: 16<sup>th</sup> S. Euphemia & Fr. Callaway went to meet B. Gordon, who is coming to work at S. Culbert's.
- Fri: 17<sup>th</sup> Sister arrives back at 11.30 - Mrs Stafford, whose husband was chaplain at Fulham, came to stay - Miss Nicholl in hospital
- Sat: 18<sup>th</sup> Miss Mills took Miss Nicholl to Umbata probably needing an operation for Appendix
- Mon: 20<sup>th</sup> Miss Nicholl had her appendix removed, doing well.
- Tues: 21<sup>st</sup> The hut at the end of the parlour has turned into a baking room - the former bakery going to be a Vestry only, for the little Chapel.
- Thurs: 23<sup>rd</sup> heard from Irene that poor mother has to have another operation on Saturday - special prayer at Terce. Francis & Tabia come.
- Fri: 24<sup>th</sup> Juniel & Julius have clothed - The P. Provincial received them. B. Gordon, Novice Master, presented them - only a few present. the rest of the congregation coming for the Mass only - a telegram came asking for Miss Mills to go to Kisumu on which she <sup>was</sup> <sub>is</sub>
- Sat: 25<sup>th</sup> Menden went up to Nembu to ask Miss Skerrard to be ready to come to the Hospital on Thursday. Sister Gogel returned

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