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January

F. of the Circum-
cision

S.F. Mrs Mary & S. Rachel Mary were in bed all day unwell. In the afternoon at 3.30, the Chapter Sisters of C.S.B. came to tea. There were 8 of them. Programme - Carol in Chapel - tea - progressive games - then presents from the tree in S.S.'s office - & then home - a most happy party.

2. S. Rachel up after breakfast. S.F. Mrs in bed all day. At 5 pm. S.S. went up to C.S.B. for their Annual Chapter meeting.

3. S.F. Mrs up part of the day. S.D. S. Ed. went to Spang's in the pm.

4. Devotions at 5 pm.

F. of the Epiphany

6. Miss Huskisson to tea.

7. Miss Preston left after breakfast.

8. A party from S. Barnabas came over & spent the day on the Mission. All came to lunch in the Parlour & some to afternoon tea. Address in Chapel at 5 pm.

9. Days of humiliation & Prayer for Rain. Mission Mass with hymns & litany at 8.30 am. Good rain in the pm.

10. Grey drizzly rain day - with showers at intervals.

At 9.45 am. S.R. Mrs - accompanied by S. Editha, set out for Ngede in the Mission car for M.V. meeting. They returned about 5 pm. - after a v. small meeting. S.F. Mrs was unwell again & went to bed after Vespers.

11. S.F. Mrs in bed all day. Miss Hubback arrived before lunch to stay for a few days.

12. S.F. Mrs in bed. S.D. & S. Ed. went out for a tea-picnic

Octave Day. 13. S.F. Mrs in bed. Fr. Young gave us Solemn Vespers @ 4.30 pm.

14. S.F. Mrs up in the middle of the day. S.S. had a call to Tsolo in the afternoon. S.R. Mrs had a women's Meeting in the afternoon at which S. Editha spoke. S.D. in retreat.

15. S. Editha & S.H.C. in retreat. Miss Hubback left at 11 am.

16. S. Eu. spent the day here in retreat.

17. At 8.15 am. S.S. took S. Editha into Tsolo - en route for To'burg, S.R. Mrs accompanying them for the drive. S.D. H in retreat.

S.S. in retreat from dinner time.

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18 S.S. in retreat till dinner time. S.M. & R.M. in retreat. Devotions spent.
Two Hostel girls arrived to day.

19 S.F.M. in retreat - S.H.V., who has been unwell for a day or two, went to bed before dinner. Heavy rain most of the day, nevertheless 30 girls were here by the end of it.

Epiphany i. 20. S.H.V. in bed all day. Heavy rain nearly all day. 45 children back. Mrs Wallace to tea.

21 Schools opened: weather clearing. Considering the weather the girls have come back v. well.

22 S.S. to Totto in the afternoon to bring in a patient.

23 S.H.V. who has been in bed since the 19th with jaundice was moved to S. Anne to day. Heard by wire from Mother that she had procured a temporary nurse from Coronation Hospital, To'buca, who would arrive on Monday next.

24 S.H.V. had her Communion this am.

Epiphany iii. 25. Mrs Cairne to tea with her sketches done on holiday.

Just after 7 pm. Sr. Key S.S. I.C., who has been in S. Lucy's since Dec: 25th, died. R.I.P. Her body was put in the Hospital Chapel for the night.

26 All masses were requiems for Sr. Key. At 5:30 pm. we went up to Church, after the coffin was brought in, Masses of the Dead was said. Mrs. Imbert arrived to take temporary duty at S.H.H.

27 All early masses were requiems. At 11 am. there was a Solemn Requiem, at which the Bishop pontificated.

After this a watch was kept in Church till the funeral which was at 3 pm. The Bishop preached at the service in Church. After the funeral we entertained 30-40 Europeans & Coloureds to tea in the Girls Dining Hall - S.H.V. was up for a good many hours to day.

28 S.H.V. to part of mass to day.

29 Board Meeting at S. Lucy's at 3 pm.

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FEBRUARY.

- F. of the Purification. Sung Candle Mass at 6.20. am. Fr Young with Arthur sewing
Swee of Key Cottage ladies came - St. Eu: came down for it
repeint the day here.
- 3rd The Wrights took Dr. Irving to Ntlaza for St. James' induction as
Presid. in charge: she will stay for a few days.
- 4th At 8pm. S.S. took S.H. Verick to Umtata en route for Grahamstown
where she will spend her rest. S. Eu:, S.H.C + S. Mv. went also for
shopping the drive.
- 5th Mrs Dushbown was admitted to S. Lucap. Address in Chapel + 30pm.
- 6th We heard by wire that S.H.V had arrived safely after a comfortable
journey.
- 7th S.R.M. had M.V. meeting. At 8.30 am. the hospital car, Sandy
driving, went to Ntlaza to bring back Dr. Irving. Mrs T. Hand + 2
visiting priests went for the drive - It was a wet day + the
car returned at 5.20pm.
- 8th Solemn Vespers. 5.30pm. . Hostel Meeting 4pm.
- Oct. of Purif: 9th Rev. Mother General due to leave Johannesburg at 4.30 am
in an Avro York for England. St. R.M. in retreat. Mrs Tillard ^{came to stay}
- 13th A wire ^{dated 12th} from Mother Provincial telling us she had had a
cable from Mother General telling of safe arrival after
a good flight. D.G.
- 14th S. Snp^r in retreat.
- 15th S.M. + S.D.H. in retreat.
- 16th S.D. B.F. Mv + Fr I. in retreat. S Snp^r: had a call to Ngcolora
in the afternoon took Freddy with her for the drive to show her
the way.
- Septuagesima 17th Mrs Drewe to tea.
- 19th S.H.C. in retreat.
- 20th S. Eu: in retreat. At 2.30. S.S. went to Tsoto to take Mrs. Joubert
to the bus en route for Jo'burg. She has been v. helpful as
temporary nurse at S. Lucap. S.D.H. went to Tsoto also
for the drive + shopping.
- 26th Mrs Rose arrived to stay with us for the present as the Guest Home

is closed.

27th Miss Tillard went away for her holiday.

28th Address in Chapel at 4.30 pm.

MARCH

1st The Hospital car was sent into Tsolo ^{at 8.15 am.} to meet S. Hilda Verily returning from her rest at Grahamstown. She arrived here about 10.30 am as her train was late at Umtata. Devotions 5 pm.

4th Dr. Irving in bed with temperature & throat.

5th Dr. I. in bed all day: Dr. Mrs. Means had am. tea in the Parlour.

ASH WEDNES. 6 Imposition of ashes & Mass in our Chapel at 6.20 am.

DAY. Lent Service in Church 4.30 pm - in St. Hilda's for our Juniors at 4.15 pm - conducted by S.M. - at S. Joseph's for their Juniors at 4.30 pm. conducted by S. H. C.

7th Herbert drove Hospital car to Umtata at 12.45 pm. taking S.R.M. for Mothers Union Council + S.D.H. + Matron Inbabama for shopping. S.D. had women's meeting at 4 pm.

8th Miss Rose went to Umtata after breakfast. Hostel meeting 4.45 pm.

LENT 1. 10 Frederica's birthday - she had her party at a.m. tea. We heard that Miss Rose was not returning as expected, but was to have an operation on Tuesday.

11th Hospital Meeting in S. Superior's office at 4. pm. S. Ev. to Mbotokwane for a day or two.

12th Address in Chapel. 4.30 pm. Dr. Young.

13th Dr. Irving, who has been in bed since the 4th, had her Communion to day.

14th The Primary School boarders had an unexpected holiday, school being closed because all Teachers were called to Tsolo by the Inspector. S.S. had a call to Hofedak in the afternoon. Freddie went with her for the drive.

15. Dr. Irving is beginning to get about a little again. S.D. + Frederica went to Spang's in the afternoon. Devotions 5 pm.

Lent Retreat for Mistresses began this evening. We are catering for them at S. Marys - there were 14 for supper.

16. Mistresses' Retreat. Numbers swelled to 20 by dinner time.

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- March 18^m 10^m Irving not so well again, so back to bed! S.M. had tea with S. Superior as it was her Profession anniversary.
- F. of S. Joseph 19ⁱⁿ Much needed rain began to day. Solemn Vespers at 5. pm.
- F. of S. Anthony 20^m Heard by wire that our Warden (Mr. Raynes C.R.) was ill + could not travel. We were expecting him on 22nd for visit to take our Lent Retreat. Heard also that Miss Robertson had got a passage to England. Would sail to morrow. Miss Tillard returned from her holiday. Rain all day.
- 21^m Rain + bitter cold all day. S.R.M. had women's meeting at which Miss Huskisson spoke.
- 22^m Much heavier rain! but clearing in the course of the day.
- 23^m Fine day! S.R.M. in retreat. S.S. in retreat after dinner.
- 24^m S.S. in retreat till after dinner. S.D. in retreat - Miss Huskisson to tea.
- E. of the Annunciation 25^m S. Eu. spent the day here after the second Mass. In the afternoon we heard by wire that the 4 Sisters travelling from England had arrived at Irene, that the two destined for us Sisters Winifred Leahy + Margaret Antony would come on to us in about a week.
- 26^m S. Eu. in retreat - also S. H.C. till 9.30 am when there was a wire from Mother asking for her to be sent to Pretoria, leaving here on Thursday! S.R.M. to Bele on horseback for a meeting in the afternoon.
- 27^m S.M. in retreat. S.S. had S.H.C. to 11. am tea.
- 28^m S.F.M. in retreat. At 8.15. S.S. took S.H.C. to the bus in Tsole en route for Pretoria - S.D.H. going with her for the drive. S.S. went took a patient to S. Augustine's in the afternoon. S.R.M. had women's meeting.
- 29^m S.D.H. + S.H.V. in retreat. At ~~8.15~~ 8.15 am. Dr. I + Miss Rose set out for Tsole en route for Mkaumbati - for holiday after illness.
- 30^m Worker's Mass meeting -
- MOTHERING 31st A happy "family" day. A good deal of rain in the course of the day.
- SUNDAY.

- 1st 2nd Heavy rain nearly all day.
- 2nd Hospital Committee meeting (Special) at 6.20. pm.
- 3rd S. Superior to Inza in the afternoon to take patients home.
- 3rd A great day! At 12.15 pm. S.S., accompanied by S.D., set out for Tolo to meet our two new sisters Winifred Healey & Margaret Anthony. S. Eu. came down to dinner - so all of us were at the gate to welcome them on their arrival at 1.45 pm. After tea S.S. took them to call on P. Sup.
- 6 S. W. L. & M. A. saw a good deal: Special Hospital Com^{tee} meeting 11. am.
7. After tea S. W. L. & M. A. went with S. Eu. up to see C.D. J. B.
- 8 S. M. A. went into Horsecraft School. She is the new Principal - S. W. L. took up work in the Hostel & as Sacristan.
11. S.S. to Umbata at 2 pm. in Ambulance, transferring a patient to Hospital there. S.R.M. had women's meeting in the afternoon.
12. Hostel meeting at 7.30 pm. S. Eu. came down to supper to sleep for Retreat to-morrow; 1st week.
13. Corporate Lent Retreat - with one address from Fr. Young at 9.30 am. All were in retreat except S.S., S.R.M. who had a meeting of Abakobekazi from all over the Parish. The Matrons were in charge of the Hostel. S.S. had a call out before midnight to a maternity case.

PALM SUNDAY 14

S.S. got back with patient just before 8. am. 8. Palms were blessed & distributed at the 6.30 English Mass for the first time. S.R.M. in retreat. No Sunday School. Int. Lantern Service in school in afternoon for day children & in Church in pm. for Hostels etc.

15 - 18th All as usual - Sung Mass in Church at 8.15 am. Evensong in S. Lucy's at 5. pm. with address by Fr. Superior.

Good Friday 19

All as usual, - 10.30 am. Ante. Communion. 12-3. Three Hours Devotion in Chapel. (Fr. Superior.)

Holy Saturday

3 pm. Blessing of New Fire & Vespers (Fr. Superior.)

EASTER DAY 21

No early mass (6.30) in Church owing to shortage of priests. First Mass English 6.30 - then 8.30. which was v. long - as only Fr. Sup. & Fr. Ramsey were in. Heavy rain in the afternoon. Fr. Rehbock & Fr. Athorpe came to tea.

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- April 22nd As the wind was chilly - the girls only
EASTER MON: went for walks - had their picnic food on their return.
The Sisters had picnic dinner on the steps. S.S. had
a call to Mt Shigo in the morning.
23. S.S. had a call to Mt Shigo in the afternoon - &
another to the Mywenka on her return - she did not
return till 9. pm.
24. Sung mass at 6.5. am (S. Young) Arthur served.
Dr. Irving returned from her holiday by post. car at 2. pm.
Some Sisters went up to Col. J. B. at 4 pm. for an Easter
visit party.
25. Some more Sisters went up to Col. J. B. for Easter visit
- 27 S.S. in retreat from dinner time.
- LOW SUNDAY 28. S.S. in retreat till dinner time. Miss Aldridge & Miss Jidben
to tea. Miss Tilland returned to the Guest House after tea
in order to be there to welcome Miss Leigh who is coming
to take charge of it to-morrow.
30. A car came over from Matija bringing amongst others Mrs Hope
& Miss Stantiall, who had lunch & afternoon tea in the
Parlour with Dr. Irving & Sister.

MAY

- 1st Miss Bowden came to stay for a day or two.
- 2nd At 8.15. S.S. took S.D. into Tolo en route for Irene
where she is going for her rest - S.M. accompanied them.
S. Euphemia came down ^{by car} ^{Peter!} unwell & went to bed in
S. Anne in the afternoon.
- 3rd Miss Bowden left by the lorry. S. Eu. in bed all day.
- 4th Dr. Irving went to Umata for the weekend. S. Eu. in bed. Heavy
thunder & rain in night.
- 5th A wet cold day, but clearing in the afternoon.
6. S. Eu. up for some hours.
7. Census was taken, both of Europeans & Natives - a great event.
- 8 S. Eu. to mass ^{at} up a good many hours. S.S. went up to Gogala in the

May Ambulance to bring in patients.

10. S.D.H. in retreat.

11. S.R.M. in retreat.

EASTER III. 12. S. Eu. returned to C.I.B. after tea.

13. S.M. in retreat. Frederica went off in lorry, bound for Lotana, for a week's holiday. In the afternoon S.S. went in the Ambulance to Lower Mjika to fetch in a patient: S.H.V. accompanied her.

14. Choir Competition in Tolo. Thirty three of our children set out at 6 am. - This number including spectators as well as members of the Choirs. The Choirs returned at 5.45 pm, having won both Senior & Junior Shields. Great enthusiasm!!

15. At 8.15 am S.S. went to Umtata in the Ambulance, taking a patient for the Hospital & bound for a Diocesan Hospital Meeting. She hopes to stay for 2 days at S. Bede's.

16. S. Flora Mary in retreat.

17. S. Sup. returned from Umtata at 3.30 pm.

EASTER IV. 18. Trip Wallace to tea.

20. Frederica returned from Lotana by the lorry.

21. S.R.M. walked to Bele for Women's meeting.

23. S.H.V. & S.W.L. in retreat. Address in Chapel. 4.30 pm.

Con. Day. 24. Public Holiday. The children had a picnic & cooked some of it down by the river. In the evening we had a picture show to which all the Hostels came.

25. S. Eu. in retreat. S.R.M. went by Mission Car to Ncumbe for a M.V. meeting - S.D.H. & ladies from Key Cottage went with her for the outing. S. Sup. in retreat from dinner time.

EASTER V. 26. S.S. in retreat till dinner time. Trip Drew to tea.

27. S.S. in ambulance to Tolo & Ekeni.

28. A function at the Primary School at 11 am, to which a good many Sisters went: the 'bringing in' of the Shields won in the Singing Competition on the 14th. At 12.30. S.S. went into Tolo to meet S.D. returning from her retreat: S.W.L. accompanied her & drove some of the way to get used to the car.

29. Miss Peddie & friend made a flying visit to the Homecraft School.

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