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after 4pt. The Assistant went to Pretoria in the morning & fetched Mother home in the car. Mother looked wonderfully well. She stayed up till tea-time & then went off to bed. Sr. H. Verity went in to sleep in the morning. The 2 C.S.P. Srs. returned to Irene in the evening.

Sr. K. Elisabeth better & down by morning tea-time. Miss Hague retired to bed after 4pt. as her arm was very bad after vaccination.

The pump broke again, - this time before 4pt! In spite of various messages no one came out to mend it!!

Saturday.
O Sapientia.
December. 16th

Mass 7-15. Mother came down for Mass & took the day some what easily & went to bed after supper. Some nurses from Tot H. came over to see the Nurses, they arrived very late as their van broke down & they had to walk some distance, then a storm with drenching rain started & they all had to be conveyed to the station in the car!

Evening & Devotions. 6-30 p.m. Miss Hague in bed all day.

Sunday.
Advent III.
December. 17th

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. Miss Holyoake left. Fr. Thomas ^{C.R.} arrived before dinner to take the Sister's Advent Retreat. Sister Emé & all the School Sisters arrived for the Retreat in the afternoon. The Retreat started at 6 p.m. with Vespers. No Evening. Sister Anne, & Sister Mary ^{C.S.P.} Bernardine were in the Retreat

Monday.
December. 18th

Mass 7-15. Father Thomas. C.R. the Chaplain served. Sister's Retreat all day. Fine, sunny, & hot. Heavy rain fell at 6-45 p.m. with thunder

Tuesday.
December 19th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Thomas, C.S.A. Most of the School Sisters left at 9-30 a.m. Sister Emie left on the 10-20 a.m. train. Mother & the Assistant drove into Portora to finish off shopping & took in Sister Joyce, & Sister Constance also Sister Anne C.S.P. & Sister Mary Bernadine C.S.P. who went to stay at the School. Miss Jameson came to stay.

Wednesday.
Vigil. Ember Day.
December 20th

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain. Fr. Shelley came in the morning to hear confessions. Janet Smith came to stay. Fr. Thomas, C.S.A. left at 5 p.m. Girls Service 6-30 p.m. After dinner the presents were all done up.

Thursday.
Fr. Thomas, C.S.A.
December 21st

Sung Mass 7 a.m. David had a son, his first boy. Miss Wright, & Miss Plaisance came. Miss Jameson & Miss Dennis left. Mother & Sr. Ruth started the crib. Carol Practice 6-45 p.m.

Friday.
Ember Day.
December 22nd

Mass 7-15. Mother & the Assistant went to the service in St. Martin's for Mr. George Perie who had died. Very hot a little rain at 4 p.m. everyone busy getting ready for Christmas. Classes as usual.

Saturday.
Ember Day. Vigil.
December 23rd

Mass 7-15. Mother drove into Portora to see about getting flowers & did odd shoppings. She brought back Sister Anne, & Sister Mary Bernadine who had been staying at the School. Preparations all ^{day} for the Festival. Evening & Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Sunday. Advent IV.
Vigil of Christmas Eve.
December 24th

Mass with Hymns 7-10 a.m. Preparing all day for the Festival. Dinner 12-30. Sext & Vespers 5-30 p.m. followed by Hymn in Chapel, then the Procession. A Carol was sung after the ~~Procession~~ Procession. Mother had all the

Christmas Day.
Monday.
December 25th

Sisters in Town after the Carol. Supper 7 p.m.
Compline 8 p.m. Vespers 11. Heavy rain & a
storm started at 7 p.m. S^r K. Elizabeth had to
drive Polly to the Hoedersland at 3-35 p.m.!
Mid night Mass. 12 o'clock. The storm
which started the night before at 7 p.m.
went on until 2 a.m.! During Vespers
& the beginning of the Mass the rain simply
fell down with much lightning & thunder.
At the end of the Gospel all the lights
went out!! & Mass was finished in
candle light; very lovely & the first
time such a thing has happened! All the
Sisters & Mother went to the 5-30 a.m. Mass
at St. Martin's. A fine day & cooler. There
was 9-30 a.m. followed by two carols at
the Club. New Year Christmas Tree at 11-30 a.m.
Morning Tea at each house 10-30 a.m. After
the tree everybody visited St. Margaret's
Sext & Nov 12-15. After dinner just a
tea drink then all rested until 3-30 p.m.
when there was tea. At 4 p.m. Sisters &
those in the Visitors Room listened to the
King's Speech then Vespers & two carols
afterwards to which some girls came.
The Christmas dinner as usual 7 p.m.
followed by dancing. The girls seemed
good & happy & were not too noisy!!
Compline 9-5 p.m. Not Lands.
Mass 7-15. M^{rs} B. Brown & Dorothy came
Mid-day. Everyone had afternoon tea
in the Recreation Room at 3-30 p.m.
Vespers was 4-30. followed by carols.
Christmas ^{Tree} as usual 7 p.m. Supper at 6.

Fdg. J. Stephen M.
Tuesday.
December 26th

Several girls not behaving at all nicely; Annette disappeared but walked in at 9 p.m. Ivy also went off. Trouble at the Nursery in the afternoon. Natron May in one of her bad states. Compline & lauds 9 p.m.

Wednesday.
F. of St John. A. E.
December 27th

Mass 7-15. At 10 a.m. Everybody except Sister Gladys Austin left in the Van for the School party. Very nice, all got back at 3-30 p.m. M^{rs} Variables came to stay. M^{rs} Schickling left.

Thursday.
F. of The Holy Innocents.
December 28th

Mass 7-15. S^{rs} E. Dorcas left mid-day for her Priest at East London. S^{rs} G. Austin went to Portora in the Van for the funeral of Molly's baby. M^{rs} Bismore & Dorothy left also Mrs Pappas. The Holy Hour was kept. Christmas supper at the Nursery 6-30 p.m. Sisters, Matrons & Girls with babies at the Nursery.

Friday.
F. of Thomas of Canterbury.
December 29th

Mass 7-15. At 9-30 a.m. Mother, the Assistant, S^{rs} G. Austin, S^{rs} K. Elizabeth & the two CSP Sisters drove over to Sophia town for a Christmas party with the Sisters at "Els". S^{rs} Christina & S^{rs} H. Verity went to Portora in the Van. Classes & a Choir Service 6-45 p.m.

Saturday.
Octave.
December 30th

No Mass. Miss O'Toole arrived in the afternoon to stay. Solemn Evening & Devotion 6-30.

Sunday after
Christmas Day.
December 31st

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Solemn Evening & Procession 6-15 p.m. Afterwards Christmas records were played in the Court yard for the girls. M^{rs} Hughes poorly, in bed all day.

Jan 1

Monday. Sunny Mass 2 a.m. M^{rs} Venables left; Miss Tyrell
Fg the Circumcision. Came. Sister Emmé came for a few days. St.
January 1st. Parquet's gave their supper party at 6-30 p.m.

Tuesday. No Mass. Margaret Baker came to stay. Mother
Octave Day of St. Stephen. + the two C.S.P. Sisters went to Procton on the
January 2nd. Van at 4 p.m. Sister H. Veisty for the Cottage, 2, London
Wednesday. Mass 7-15. Mother drove into Procton at 8-30 a.m.
Octave Day, St. John. + took Sister Emmé in for the drive. Miss Hague
January. 3rd also came in. Girls Service 6-30 p.m.

Thursday. Mass 7-15. At 8 a.m. Mother drove 3 girls into
Octave Day of the Holy Innocents. the Court-Procton for Committals. Rain
January. 4th started at 7 p.m. a great blessing, everything
being so parched & dry. S^r A. Irvine went into
the Arcadia N. Home to be under observation.

Friday. Mass 7-15. Lady Mary Baring the High Commission
Vigil of the Epiphany. wife with a M^{rs} Scott came to see the
January 5th Home at 11-30. They saw every thing & were
most interested. Sister Editha came for her
Rest. Helen Wheeler came to ^{help} ~~work~~ at
the Nursery. Heard that Sister Agnes Irvine
was to have an operation for appendicitis.
The Assistant spoke to all the girls instead
of classes.

Saturday. Sunny Mass 2 a.m. Fr. Cotton, c.r. came to
Feast of the Epiphany. stay for rest. Solemn Evening & Procession
January 6th. 6-30 p.m.

Sunday in the Sunny Mass 2 a.m. Father Cotton, c.r. After Morning
Octave of the Epiphany. Tea Mother drove into Procton to see Sister
January. 7th Agnes Irvine in the Nursing Home. Sister Editha
also came in for the drive & Janet Smith to
stay at the School. Mother also went to
the School to see Sister Eudora. Solemn

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Evening + Service 6-15 p.m. Some rain.

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain. Mother went to spend the day at Sophiatown. Margaret Baker left at 5 p.m.

Monday.
Octave.

January 8th

Tuesday.
Octave.

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain. Fr. Cotton c.s. served. Heavy rain fell during the day. Aileen Hart arrived to work at the Nursery. S^r Agnes safely through her operation.

January 9th

Wednesday.
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Cotton c.s. Fr. Shelley came for address + confessions. Mother had the two c.s.P. Sisters to afternoon tea in Trent. Girls service 6-20 p.m.

January 10th

Thursday.
Octave.

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain. Sister's party, 16, in all as S^r Alma had a cold + could not come. Two came from "Eki". All very nice + happy. S^r Joyce remained behind to stay for a week.

January 11th

Friday.
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Cotton c.s. The Chaplain served. At 11 a.m. Mother drove into Pretoria to see Sister Agnes Irene taking the Chaplain also to see Sister The two c.s.P. Sisters drove in + Sister Editha also came in + were dropped at Fountain where they spent the day. Miss O'Toole left. Classes as usual.

January 12th

Saturday.
Octave Day.

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain. Fr. Cotton served. The two c.s.P. Sisters left for Prosser'sville to stay with the East Brinstead Sisters. Miss Waight left.

January 13th

Sunday.

Solemn Evening + Devotions.

Epiphany II.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. The Chaplain. Evening + Service 6-15 p.m. Everything else as usual.

January 14th

Jan: 15th

Monday.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Requiem for the Founder.) Mother left for C.T. in the evening. Miss Tyrell went in the afternoon. Fr. Thomas came to stay while the Chaplain was in retreat.

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Tuesday.

Sr. Editha went to stay at the School. Fr. Thomas went to see Sr. Agnes Irene in the

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Tues: 16th ::

Nursing Home + then went on to stay the night at the school + say Mass for them on the next morning. Mrs. Seach + Joan Marshall came to stay. Sr. Christina took the girls to Hospital + also went to see Sr. Agnes Irene. Sr. Joyce in retreat.

Weds: 17th ::
St. Antony.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Cotton.) Fr. Lewis served. He had been called back from JHB as a child of 12½ in Irene had died. (Lynette Hensobring)
The Assistant + Sr. Gladys Austin went to the Church for the funeral service at 3 p.m. Miss Thompson came to stay. Girls' service at 6.30 p.m. Sr. Christina went to the dentist.

Thurs: 18th ::

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Thomas.)

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Bl: Sacrament.

Miss Marshall + Mrs. Seach were out all day for a picnic. Sr. K. Elizabeth took a girl to the Noorderbond by car about 8.30 p.m.

Fri: 19th ::

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Cotton.) Sr. Gladys Austin went to town on the van. Sr. Joyce returned to the school + Sr. Editha came back to Hkly +.

Sat: 20th ::

St. Fabian +
Sebastian.

Heavy rain until 4 p.m. time. Sr. Gladys Austin in retreat. Sr. K. Elizabeth went to town in the morning with a car-load of girls + babies to Clinic + District Surgeon. Mrs. Seach left after dinner. Evensong + Devotions 6.30 p.m.

Sun: 21st ::

Epiphany III

Sung Mass 7 a.m. (Fr. Thomas.) Endless visitors all day, + 27 extra to dinner!! Fr. Cotton left in the evening. Evensong + sermon 6.30 p.m. (Fr. Thomas.) Miss Gough came.

Mon: 22nd ::

St. Vincent.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Thomas.) At 10.5 a.m. M. Margaret came down from the Nursery to

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say that she thought Baby Anthony was dead. He had apparently suddenly collapsed while in his cot. The Assistant went up immediately but the child was quite dead. Dr. Dannheimer was phoned as he was the nearest doctor & said he would come up later. As he had not arrived at 1.15 a.m. the Police Sergeant was informed & he got in touch with the District Surgeon at 2 p.m. & arranged for the mortuary van to come out to take the body to town for a post mortem. The van came just about 5 p.m. with a rather officious sergeant who said the baby had been suffocated!!

Quite impossible! Dr. Dannheimer also came & saw the child. Fr. Thomas left on the 4.25 p.m. train & Sr. Eleanor Dorcas arrived back at 4.30 p.m., having caught an earlier connection from Germiston. Mrs. Maclean brought Margaret (Helena Elo) over. The child looked very well & was simple & natural & not spoilt.

Sr. Violet Ruth in retreat. Miss Thompson & Miss Marshall left & Miss Preston came. Altogether a very busy day. Bad thunder-storm about 6 p.m. Miss Gough in retreat.

Tues: 23rd.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (The Chaplain.) Fr. Millington came to stay. (He had St. Matthew & St. Mark.) The Chaplain began his retreat. (He had St. Francis & St. Hugh.) Bad storm beginning about 3.30 p.m. Sr. E. Dorcas took the girls to Hospital & they all got rather wet coming back. Mr. Lamb & Mr. Fraser came to see about the alterations at the Nursery. Sr. Editha in retreat & Miss Gough. Sr. K. Elisabeth

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- Tues: 23^d Cont^d went to town by van + drove the car back from the garage where it had been left by David for repairs in the morning. Sister also went to see Sr. Agnes Irene.
- Weds: 24th Mass of the Departed 7.15 a.m. (C.S.P.V. orbit.) Fr. Millington served. Sr. Editha + Sr. Eleanora Dorcas in retreat, also the Chaplain. Sr. K. Elisabeth took Katy to the Cemetery in the afternoon to Anthony's funeral. Girls' service 6.30 p.m.
- Thurs: 25th Conversion of St. Paul. Sung Mass 7 a.m. (The Chaplain.) Fr. Millington said the 8.15 Mass at the Church. The Chaplain finished his retreat + went home about 4.30 p.m. Sr. Christina + Sr. Katharine Elisabeth in retreat. Sr. Eleanora Dorcas went to Pretoria on the 9.32 a.m. train + came back on the 12.25 train. Nurse Hart finally left, after helping at the Nursery.
- Fri: 26th St. Polycarp. Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Millington.) The Chaplain served. Confessions in the morning. Mrs. v.d. Byl called about 11 a.m. Sr. Violet Ruth went to see Dr. Lang, + Sr. Gladys Austin took her. Sr. Editha + Sr. Eleanora Dorcas went to JHBurg by the 10.20 a.m. train, Sr. Editha returning after her rest, + Sr. Eleanora Dorcas to start work there. The Assistant in retreat from dinner-time.
- Sat: 27th St. John Chrysostom. Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Millington.) Sr. Dorothy Joan brought Sr. Agnes Irene over from the Nursing Home + stayed the night. Sr. Hilda Verity arrived back from E. London. Fr. Millington left after tea. Evening + Devotions 6.30 p.m.

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Sun: 28th.
Septuagesima.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. An Italian prisoner came up in the afternoon & saw the Chapel & had some tea! Evensong & sermon 6.15 p.m.

Mon: 29th.
St. Francis de Sales.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Bad thunderstorm during Vespers. Miss Smith left in the morning & Miss Preston in the evening. Sr. Esme' came to work at Irene again.

Tues: 30th.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Esme' in retreat. Sr. Hilda Verity took the girls to Hospital by van. Sr. Christina took 2 children to Hospital by ambulance & then came back in the van.

Weds: 31st.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Fr. Shelley came in the morning. Address 10, confessions 11. The Assistant took 3 girls to Court in the morning. In the afternoon the 2 C.S.P. Sisters came back. They were brought over by Sr. Gabriel & Sr. Faith, & the latter took Trevor back with them to St. Mary's Orphanage. Railway Conference began in the evening - 7 priests & 4 ladies. Thunderstorm about 6.30 p.m.

Thurs: Feb: 1st.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Alliston.)

St. Ignatius.

Practice for Candlemas at 6.30 p.m.

In the afternoon Sr. Esme' & Sr. Christina went to the funeral service at the Church of Mr. Hay, of Irene Club.

Fri: 2nd.

Distribution of candles, Procession & Sung Mass at 7 a.m. Fr. Devin sang the Mass & Fr. Alliston served. Most lusty singing! - & all went well.

Feast of the Purification.

Terrible rain all night & all during the service, & up till about 4.30 p.m.

Sat: 3rd.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Genter.) S.A. Irene went in by car in the morning to see Dr. Lang.

Octave.

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