

1946.

- October 28 in place of Sr: Horton Smith who is retiring.
- 30 Sr: W. d. In Retreat. A tea party in the parlour as farewell to Freddie who is leaving us for pastures new after 22 years faithful nursing service.
- 31 Sr: Euphemia & Sr: M. M. took Freddie to M^{rs}: Anderson's, Lolana, where she is going to spend a holiday. A lovely day with fine views. Tea at Lolana & back in time for Vespers. That night most of the hospital staff was up with a maternity case, & Sr: M. M. took the ambulance out about 2 a.m. & fetched in a lad with a broken head. All were free from work in time for Mass on All Saints Day. A lovely All Saints Day. Sr: Euphemia spent day here.
- NOVEMBER
All Saints
All Souls
Sr: D. in Retreat. Solemn Requiem 8.30 a.m. & procession to Cemetery from Church at 4 p.m. The children were excused from Evensong.
- NOV. 3. Superior went to Umtata Hospital for treatment. Sr: Euphemia & Sr: Winifred Lesley accompanied her.
- NOV. 4. Cable from Wantage announcing Sr: Marcia's safe arrival. The Primary Boarders took part in a guide display in the Weaving School Playground.
- " 5 Miss Peddie came for 2 days to examine the Housecraft girls in cooking & needlework.
- 7 Sr: D. H. Sr: W. d. Miss Wallace did shopping in Umtata, & fetched Sr: M. M. back from Hospital.
- 9 The Reverend Mother Provincial arrived for a visit.
- 11 Mother spent the morning at S. J. B. seeing their new Chapel etc. Air letters from Sister Marcia telling of the voyage & arrival at Wantage.
- 14 Mother P. went on call to Ncambu with Sr: M. M. - in car. Had pic-nic lunch there. Got Patients' friends refused to let her be brought back to hospital. Before going out, had tea at Guest House, to meet M^{rs}: Gibson & The Dean of Kimberley.
- 15 Mother P. went to Ngcele on hospital call with Sr: M. M.

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November 15 Back in time for Solemn Baptisms.

16 Confirmation at 3.30 p.m. Three St. Mary's girls were Confirmed.

Trinity
XII
17 First Communions at High Mass. The Bishop was Celebrant & preached. The newly confirmed (St. Mary's) had a tea-party in the afternoon. Miss Atholpe & Miss Wallace came to tea.

21 Bishop left the Mission in a.m. H'craft school had a show of frocks etc. for Mother's benefit.

S. Catherine 25 Anniversary of Mother T's Installation. She gave ^a wonderful tea party, mixed holy & ribald, flowers, texts - poem!

24 Rosemary Wright baptised in Church by the Father Superior.

26 St. Mary's Concert - v. well.

27 Mother left.

28 Miss Peddie here examining H'craft school.

29 " " " " " "

30 Dr. Irving offered Passage to New Zealand for 9th Dec:!

ADVENT.

Dec: 1 Miss Leigh to tea. After Evensong, Fr. Horton Smith, Elizabeth Hishburn, Dr. Irving were itinerated. The first 2 travelling to England on the 8th.

4 Sister Evelyn Angela arrived from Irene (via Amabel). She is to work mainly at C.S.T.B. with Sr. Euphemia.

5 Father Superior & Sr. M.M. went to Umuka to a meeting of the Diocesan Medical Board in Hospital car. Tea party in parlour to which practically all the Europeans came, to say good-bye to Dr. Irving.

6 Dr. Irving & all her luggage to Queenstown by car; Sr. M.M. driving & Sr. J.H. accompanying her. The two latter stayed the night with the C.R. Sisters at St. Monica's Home.

7. Returned from Queenstown.

9 Feast of the Conception of B.V.M. was transferred to to-day. Mass (Advent) in Church. Sr. Euphemia came to tea. Carols at S.J.B. at 7.30 to which some Sisters went.

10 Housecraft Prize. Giving at 3 p.m. Miss Wallace gave the prizes. Then 3rd & 2nd Years had a tea-party.

St. Margaret's Hostel gave a concert for the patients at Hospital.

December 13 St. Lucy's Day. Mass at Hospital; but no festivities.
 Dr. K. Bride Dickson who is coming to work at St. Lucy's, arrived to-day from the Cape. "Concert" at 7.30 in school, by Workers & nuns.

14. Workers Meeting Day. There was a Maternity call to Isolo location, so Dr. Dickson did not attend all the meeting. She went with Wrights to Isolo in p.m. for Tennis.

18 Sr. M. M. In Retreat. Clothing of 2 Notices at C.S.B. in new Chapel.

20 Advent Corporate Retreat - unconducted. Sr. Mary Pauline from Bloemfontein, came to-day for her rest. Heavy rain. Usual preparation. Sr. M. A. responsible for the crib

Christmas

Ret. This year - Midnight Mass, began at 11.45 p.m. with Blessing of the Crib. The Father Superior was the Celebrant. M^r. Stanbrook (who is here ^{for his holiday} from the Theological College, G' town) served, assisted by two Africans.

Christmas Services as usual. A happy mission tea party in our Refectory in the afternoon. African Xmas Tree in S.S.'s office - taller than before.

28 Sister Emily Sabel from St. Mary's School, Waterley, Jo'burg, & Sister Joan from St. Mary's, Pretoria arrived for their rests. They came on the speeded-up express bus which now reaches Isolo at mid-day. They were met by Sr. D. & Sr. M. M.

31 Dr. Dickson & Sr. M. M. rode to Butterworth to a meeting of the Association of Medical Missions of the Transkei & Ciskei. A hot day. Visitors pic-niced.

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JANUARY 1st Solemn Vespers.

2nd C.S.B. Chapter Sisters to tea at 3.30 p.m. Carols in Chapel, tea in Refectory. Games in Community room & on sloep - "Prizes" from Xmas Tree. Thereafter we had an address in Chapel from Father Yang.

3 Much-needed rain. Devotions.

4. Up the NySenkaby^{car} with the visitors, for the view which was very lovely. Got some attractive wild flowers

January 4 on the return journey.

5. 2nd Sunday The Bishop, who has come for the final Vows of St. Jatin, came after Mass. To visit us at 7:30 p.m. Chatted to whole family for some time.

Epiphany Final Vows of St. Jatin C.S.B. in their Chapel. The Bishop preached, & celebrated. Sr: M. M. to tea at S. J.B. in p.m.

- 7 Visitors went pic-nic to "Caries" in a.m. taking lunch & sketching apparatus. Very hot & ^{the wind} returned ^{earlier} than expected. ^{to-day} Pic-nic lunch near the hospital.
- 8 ^{early in afternoon} to ^{St. Mary Pauline} visit ^{with} ^{the} ^{hospital}.
- 9 C.S.B. Chapter meeting at 6 p.m. Sr: M. M. attended, Sr: K. A. altho' she had no vote.
- 13 Father Huddleston C.R. who has come to take our Annual Retreat, arrived by car to-day, & came down to talk about arrangements.
- 14 Retreat began after supper, in the absence of the Conductor! He had gone by car to Genfane for fishing, caught in thunderstorm, streams rose, car nearly washed away with all occupants. Spent night at Sinxago store where they received much kindness.
- 15 Father Young went out in Mission car, & fetched back the visitors who had been storm stayed. They seemed none the worse, & Fr: Huddleston gave the address in the afternoon.
- 16 Sr: E. J. & Sr: J. left for the Transvaal.

2nd Sunday 19th Out of Retreat.

after Epiphany.

- 21 Boarders returned - quite a good proportion turned up.
- 22 1st day of school.
- 30 Hospital Board Meeting. The Magistrate forgot it, & did not come until telephoned to - very late.
- 31 Party for Nurses, as Nurse Faith is leaving. Wally came & gave the certificate. Miss Nancy Wallace also came - she has come on a visit from England & is housekeeping at Key Cottage.

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February 3rd: Kept the Purification. (No Candles!) Sr: E. came down for most of the day.

6. The Holy Hour was kept in our Chapel from 4.30 - 5.30.

8. Miss Drene to Umbata for shopping, & brought back Miss Aitchope & Miss Aldridge who have had a few days holiday, & now are going to be at the Guest House instead of Key Cottage - the latter doing the housekeeping. Fr: Dickson went with Mgt. Rose to Maclear for the week-end. Rain in afternoon. Sr: M. A. in Retreat. Father Salage S.J.F. who is here for a few days, called in p.m.

Sexagesima 9th Fr: Salage preached. Miss Wallace & her sister came to tea.

Sister Euphemia, to Mbotkholwana, by mission car. She is going to stay there for a few days.

Winifred Mshaksha, who helps in our kitchen, is now sleeping here instead of coming by the day.

11. Sister Hilda Verity to East London where she is to stay with the C.R. Sisters for her rest. She went by the new bus, which leaves Umbata Station 6 a.m. & reaches E. London 12.20 p.m. Fare 27/- Sr: M. M. took her in by car, leaving here at 4.40 a.m. St: Mary's Hostel meeting in afternoon.

12. St: Mary's Committee (Special) meeting to discuss the financial situation, at 11 a.m.

15. Sr: D. in Retreat.

17. Sr: K. A. "

Shrove 18. Sr: W. L. " Father Leary (recently Archdeacon) who is coming to stay at the Mission House for Lent, to write his reminiscences, arrived to day.

Tuesday Ash Wednesday 19th: Imposition of Ashes done in our Chapel at 6.20 (The Father Superior). Sr: Euphemia in Retreat.

20. Sr: M. M. in Retreat.

Lent I 23. Father Leary is giving the addresses on Sunday a.m. in Lent. He brought his dog down to hospital at mid-day. He found it lying out on the field badly awarled. It died in the evening.

St. Matthias 24. Sister Drene had anaesthetic to have abscess opened (on face). Thereafter in bed.

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- February 25 Mail storm - very noisy, but no glass broken. Miss Greve in bed.
 27 Address from Father Young. Hotel meeting to discuss Royal visit.
 26 Sr. D. H. & Sr. M. M. went to see Mangala who is dying of T.B. in his kraal at Tajuveni. Seemed v. weak, but pleased to be visited.

March.

- dent II 2 Miss Laine to sea. Sr. M. M. out on a call with Miss Greve, got back late for tea.
 5 Royal Family in Umfala. Conveyances left the Mission from 5 a.m. onwards, St. Mary's girls who did not go (16) had a pic-nic by the river. Butlers had a pic-nic lunch under the lognat tree. Dr. Dickson & Miss Greve went in the hospital car. A lovely day, & all had a happy time.
 6 A downpour of rain.
 7 Still wet, but less so. Father Superior & Sr. M. M. went to a Diocesan Medical Missions Board meeting in Umfala, in hospital car. Pic. nic in car on return journey. Sr. Hilda Vearty back from her rest at East London (she saw the Royal Family there, six times!)
 12 Committee Meeting St. Mary's Hospital.
 14 Wet again. Heard that the prospective Mission Secy: (Miss Cook) had got married on her way here!
 15 Dedication of the S. J. B. Chapel by the Bishop. Usual S.J.B. weather - VERY wet. The Chapel looked very lovely, red. hot. potes & glasses were the principal decorations.
 Sr. M. M. gave a James Party for Groupers, sub-groupers Mothers & 3 Nurses, in school hall at 7 p.m.
Mothering
Sunday. High Mass of Dedication at C.S.J.B. Chapel at 6.30
 Wet, & mud galore.
 Margaret Rose came to sea.
 21 Lent Retreat, Conductor the Rev. Father Widdicombe, begins 7.30 to-night. Dr. D. H. & Sr. M. M. went on a call to Khusubushu at 2 p.m.
 22 In Retreat.

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March 23. Passion Sunday Mangala died early this a.m.
Fr: Dickson went into Isoto to tennis tournament after
Sung Mass.

24 Fr: D. & Sr: M. M. on call to St: Augustines after lunch.

Feast of the Annunciation Sung Mass in CSMV. Chapel at 6.10 a.m. Father Young.
Sr: Euphemia came down to spend the day.

Hospital Committee meeting at 2.30 p.m. To discuss tender
for new block at hospital - Elizabeth Simons, a new
boarder from Magalywa, ran away this a.m.

Palm Sunday 30th. Distribution of palms at 6.30 in our Chapel. (Fr: Superior)

Procession at 8.30 a.m. in Church. Passion Play (got up
by the two Miss Wallaces) was acted at St: Joseph's in afternoon
Holy Week English Elevation in St: Joes's Chapel at 4 p.m. Father
Superior read an Address. APRIL.

Mourning Thursday Mass in CSMV. Chapel, with Stripping of Altar -
Sung Mass in Church.

Good Friday The Watch was kept as usual - Brother Gordon
gave the Addresses at the Three Hours' Devotion.

Holy Saturday Usual arrangements - Sext & None at mid-day. Sr: M. A.
responsible for Easter Gardens in Children's Chapel.

Ceremony of Holy Fire at 3 p.m. Father Superior brought
the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle in Church to
the Altar in the Children's Chapel where it remained
during the Blessing of the New Fire - then it was fetched
to our Chapel after which Vespers was sung. Sr: W. L. had
made a very fine Paschal Candle.

Easter Day English Mass at 6 a.m. in Church. Sung at 8.30.
The Church was very full - A lovely sunny day.

Easter Monday Boarders went pic-nic to the dam; also most
Sisters. Sr: D. did a r. pleasing sketch.

April 9 Meeting of Diocesan Board of Medical Missions in
Umtata at 10 a.m. Father Superior, Fr: Dickson &
Sr: M. M. attended this - going in hospital car. Mr: Wright
& Rosemary also went to see Mr: Robson (Mr: Wiskott)

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- April 9 who is in Umfala Hospital; also Sr. Euphemia for shopping. Got back here at 2 p.m. except Dr. Dickson who has gone to Mlaza with Dr. Hye for a few days. Sr. Joan Augustine has come for her rest, Miss Drewe fetched her from Isolo in her car.
- 10 Heard to-day that Fr. Young is going on furlough & expects to sail about May 11th. Sr. J. A. had tea (a.m.) with Sr. M. M. Suddenly cold, & windy. Miss Drewe went into Umfala to dentist, & took Miss Roberts (Sr. Faith's cousin) who has been on a visit here, & is now going to the Free State.
- 12 Call to Gqagala - Srs. J. A. went for drive - also Bransby, & Sr. M. M. driving. Ambulance broke down 7 times! Mr. Adkins of Tencia eventually rendered first aid at Mngqolo, after which the remainder of the journey was accomplished without further mishap.

1st Sunday Took man with fractured leg to Umfala Hospital. Brought after Easter. back Dr. Dickson who has been at Mlaza for a few days. Srs. J. A. & Sr. M. M. had pic. nic tea.

14. Sr. Dorothy Helen is going to Kisa Magwaya, Zululand, for her rest. Took her to bus in Telo on route for Kakaod.
- 15 Sr. J. A.'s birthday. Had p.m. birthday tea, in S.S.'s office, with diminutive cake.
- 16 The Reverend Mother C.S.M. & A.A. (Blomfontein) came to-day. She is having her rest here. Fetched her from Isolo by car.
- 19 Sr. D. in Retreat; but had violent tooth-ache, so Dr. Dickson moved her to Umfala (also Sr. J. A. for drive) she returned with her 3 remaining upper teeth missing!

2nd Sunday Miss Muriel Drewe to tea. Dr. Dickson not feeling after Easter. well, so went to bed early.

Bank Holiday 21st Princess Elizabeth's coming-of-age. Some Sisters climbed Kwanca with some yboarders, & had lovely pic. nic on top. Residue had pic-nic on lawn! The Passion Play was repeated at St. Joseph's. Very beautifully done & very impressive. Dr. Dickson in bed.

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- April 25 Sr: Evelyn Angela to Inkobotwana by brook carrier to Tsolo
Sr: Mark. & on foot from there. She is to stay for the week-end.
Came to ~~hospital~~ Hopedale. Took Sr: J. A. in ambulance, &
fetched in v. ill patient. Dr: D. up for dinner & tea,
Sung Keepers.
- 26th Sr: Euphemia organised a party to go to Inkobotwana
in the Dressel's car. Mother Bloemfontein, Sr: J. A. &
2 Jones, never reached there; but had a grand
pic. nic! Evidently took the wrong turning, got on
to bad ground, & threatening thunder scared them.
Sr: M. A. in Retreat.
- 29th Sung Mass in our Chapel as Sr: Young leaves on furlough
to-day. Two boys served. Lovely Mass. our household,
Wally, & Mary Laine. Dr: D. Sr: J. A. & self to meeting
of Transkei & Ciskei Medical Assocn: at Butterworth
left here 7.30 a.m. had a.m. tea en route. Lovely
day but windy. Pic. nic lunch after meeting. Did
some shopping in UmTata on return journey.
- 30 Took Mother Bloemfontein to Tsolo for UmTata bus.
Also Sr: Euphemia & Sr: J. A. We met Freddie in
Tsolo, who decided to return here. Took her in
car to Lofana - pic. nic lunch on way - cup of
tea at Lofana, much chat.

MAY.

S. Philip & James. Talking Tea.

2 Sr: W. L. & Sr: J. A. fetched Freddie from Tsolo.

Holy Cross. Talking day. Sr: Ku. came down.

4th Sunday M^{rs} = Steer. to Tea. Sr: M. M. had talk with

after Easter 3rd = Year Housecraft girls in p.m. interpreted by
M^{rs} = Mbadana. Their conduct has not been satisf.
actory of late.

5th Talked to 2nd year. Sr: J. A. is leaving to-day
so after supper motored her to UmTata for
Amabele train. Freddie came for company &

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May 5. all had pic-nic cocoa in car in UmTata.
Two Sisters & Fr. Young are to sail from Cape Town in the
Carnarvon Castle to-day. (Heard later that there are
16 English friends on board!)

St. John Visitors ad lib! Began with a lady brought out by
Aunt Pot-dal. Fr. Mears early. They had tea in parlour. Then
another car load later. And so we go on!
Father Superior went to bed - thoroughly run down after
prolonged cold.

- 7th Ladies borrowed school hall for 'Sisters' evening.
- 10th Sr M. M. had another party in school hall - 2 groups
(Housecraft) manual programme - jellies & sweets!

Rogation Sunday Margaret Rose to tea. Chilly & windy, so fire in
parlour. Fr. Dickson to Tsolo for tennis match.

- 12 Attended Ekensong. Litany: Rogation Day.
- 13 Sr: D. to UmTata with Miss Dreyer - to assist.
- 14 " " - eve of Ascension. Sr: D. returned.

Ascension Day Children had pic-nic by river. Sisters' pic-nic
on lawn. Sr: Kuzhenia down for day.
In evening, boarders gave a concert in Dining Hall
- some of the singing was very good.

- 16 Fr. Superior returned from Bishopsmead where he
has been staying. Brought out by Kynastons who
are visiting UmTata. 3 Presbyterian Divines came in late
afternoon & saw over hospital - 2 straight from Scotland -
- 17 Sr: D. & Sr: M. M. in Retreat.
- 19 Sr: M. A. fell coming out of Church, & damaged her knee.
Decidedly lame thereafter.
- 21 Sr: K. in Retreat.

23 School holiday. Children busy mudding hubs with
great vigour. Sr: D. H. in Retreat. Sr: M. A. in bed to rest
knee.

Whitsun Eve Sr: H. V. in Retreat. Sr: M. A. in bed. Hospital car
fell off its jack & injured petrol tank, so Fr: D. & Sr: M. M.
went to call at homkala in ambulance - glorious views.
Solemn Ekensong & Baptisms, (no immersions.)

Pentecost
25th

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