

since as unnecessary 10/- had been paid
to authority - All was satisfactorily arranged
When next the Cottage is opened no fee need
be paid for putting on light & elect. - ^{Had tea at Pitcair} A
SP & SJ finished shopping & caught 12 o'clock bus
SDJ & SQA went to SSAs: to find out about
Assumption Mass (no luck) & caught 12.30 bus.
After dinner packed up tea & had it at New's Cove
Sang Assumption Vespers & spent a pleasant
social evening reading & writing letters etc.
N.B. The Bishop of Galveston having chosen this
week to summon all his clergy to a course in
Galveston no priests are to be had here
at all - Hence our apparent ungodliness
Fr. Sloman returns tomorrow so we hope for a
mass on Sat. .

Fri: Aug: 15th Assumption of Our Lady. No mass - Lovely day.
SQA had breakfast in bed. We all took morning tea
& lunch to New's Cove. SP & SQA walked on to Shelley
Beach & collected shells. On the way home SJ
was much disturbed in mind by 2 loose wild
horses that galloped past. SP disturbed by a
bull calf. SDJ & SQA disturbed by noise!

Had tea, bathed, supper, bathed - bed.

Sat Aug: 16th Mass at S Peter's at 8 - after a long wait - SGA went to dentist & had a tooth out & shopped. SP & SJ shopped on West Bank.

A quiet afternoon. After tea SDJ & SJ went for a walk on golf links & SDJ lost his black woolley. Got a lift back in a car.

During the night it poured.

Sun Aug: 17th Mass at 8 at S Peter's. Cold. ~~SDJ~~ SDJ & SP got up in black & SJ donned it later. ^{wrote} Cleared after breakfast. SDJ went to work for woolley but failed to find it. One rat caught in trap in kitchen. A very big one. One ship sighted out at sea.

It cleared later. SDJ, SP & SJ went & walked round by the breakwater. In the afternoon, SGA went to the Hospital. SP read & sat by sea in evening. Lonely evening. SGA walked back having had no tea.

Mon Aug: 18th Lovely day. Picnic at Shelly Beach. S.J. lost a handkerchief. SP lost a penknife. Picked up by car on

way back when nearly at Hood St!

Tue: Aug: 19th ^{SP had breakfast in bed} Damp wet day. S.D.J. & SJ went to East Bank to shop & got wet. Miss Clissold came to tea

All walked up to Wythens after tea & saw it lit.

Wed: Aug. 20 Mass at S. Peter at 7. Still dull & damp tho
not actually raining. All went to East Bank.
SQA stopped. SOT, SP & ST ~~and~~ walked to
Aquarium. SOT saw sea lions fed - SP & ST went
into Aquarium. SP got very cold & ST very hot
but all recovered over a cup of coffee afterwards.
All rested in the afternoon & had a "blow"
after tea. Wireless set lent by Mrs Smith
arrived during the morning so we can hear the

news etc -

Sops had breakfast in bed.

Thurs Aug. 21 A S. Pet not very fine but not too bad

Mrs Whittaker came to Morning Tea. SP & ST stopped
after that. All wrote letters in the afternoon -
SP & SQA walked after tea & saw loose horses
which chased up a side street. Later SOT & ST
walked & also saw & evaded same horses.

Fri: Aug. 22nd All in street. Mass at S. Peter at 7. SP went to
church after breakfast & intercession at 9:55 a.m.
All took sandwich lunch to rocks & were dotted
about the rocks much to the amazement of
other picnickers who came upon them
unexpectedly one by one. When we returned

home we all nearly died because of the fearful
fall. He could hardly move against it. It was
most terrifying. Just as tea was nearly finished
called so we had to entertain him, except
S.G.A who barely went & had a bath.

Sat Aug: 23rd S.G.A had breakfast in bed. S.^{DS} & SP went
to mass at S. Saviour's. Later SS & S.G.A stopped
in East Bank. SDS & SP walked to Queen's Park
& interviewed all the birds & animals - busied back
(in P. Queen's park a Vine Royal visit & East
London & opened a new location - Park
decoration & many crowds)
S.G.A went to hospital in the afternoon. SP & SS
walked up to the golf links in the evening &
got many flowers. S.G.A had supper in bed.

Sun Aug: 24th. S. Bartholomew's Day & 11th Sun. aft: Teu:
Mass at S. Peter's at 8. First Communion.
A simply lovely day. All went to the rocks
for all morning. It was heavenly.
All rested in afternoon except SP who went to
rocks again but returned when a sea frog
came up. After tea all went to East Bank
had supper with C.R. sisters then went to

Dinner at S. Saviours - A beautiful dinner -
caught the 9 o'clock bus back - Saw a rat
seen though sitting upon - & later though catches
set trap - no luck. All had cocoa & listened
to Winston's broadcast at 10.

Mon: Aug: 25 Lovely day - very hot. SPS, SP & SJ went
to Batt's Cave - SGA stayed at home. A perfectly
lovely picnic in spite of the drain. SP had
a pair of scissors. Met a man with animal's
head on the way back. Had Tea at the
Canteen of Marine Glen - First repasting as we
were entirely parched. Only 7⁰ per head -
Heard at night that the A.S. was coming on
Sept 3rd. day before SDJ, SP & SJ go back!
SGA had to be out

Tues: Aug: 26. SP & SJ went to mass at S. Saviours at 7 o'clock &
later we all went for a picnic at Shelly Beach.
A sunny, windy day. A donkey came to take Dns
there. We had a delicious & cheap Tea at the
N.B. ←
T House. In the evening had rice! & gramophone
records that Mrs S had brought. Altogether a very
happy day

Wed. Aug: 27. Mass at S. Peter's at 7. Dull & a little rain. Cold
An indolent day. SDJ & SP spent half the money

reading in the library (SDJ standing up all the time). A quiet afternoon. SP & SGA went up to the lighthouse in the evening & SDS & SJ walked along Strand St etc

Thurs: Aug: 28. An absolutely heavenly day. Fresh & fairly windy early but clear & sunny - A beautiful dawn. Mr Deepate came at 9.30 & took us all to Cove Park. We couldn't have had a better day.

It was most exciting there as aeroplanes on practice flights (& shootings) were scraping the sandhills & our heads & circling round the Park all day. Quite alarming at first but we soon got used to it. Climbed both rocks - lovely spray - & paddled. Got back about 5.30. SP read on the rocks & the evening was too beautiful for words - clear - opalescent wonderful colours in the sky. faint & Fender & then the stars & a young moon - Very light & lovely. Gramophone again!!

Fri: Aug: 29 Mass at 8 PM at 7. A quiet day on the whole. Fresh but clear & sunny. Windy - ~~SP~~ Electric light fixed early all over house so we rang up the Council who did all

They were entitled to & we had to get Brimmer
to finish it. All successfully accomplished
SP, SJ walked to East Bank but got a lift
!! near the location. Shopped privately all
morning - Had 'cope at Qarkick. Very nice.
All rested during afternoon except SP who
wrote letters on rocks. After tea SDJ & SP
walked along the rocks - SJ & SQA up to
Lighthouse. lovely evening. More gramophone!

Sat. Aug 130. Supn & SP & SQA went ~~into~~ East Bank. SQA shopped
Supn & SP took Shelayk Smith to Qarkick - all had
strawberry ices. Then they bought monkey nuts &
went to see the animals in Queen's Park. SQA shopped.
In the afternoon the C.R. water came to tea.
All worked in the evening

Sun. Aug 31. Mass at S. Peter's at 8 o'clock - went to rocks
12. aft: Tennis
S. Allen
after but SJ, SQA were cold & went for a walk
& saw a big boat come in. After dinner
SP, SQA went to the Free Hospital to see Miss Alford
walked all the way back & through Queen's
Park. Rat caught while ^{all} out

Mon. Sept 1. ^{SP had to be bed} SJ, SQA went to East Bank & shopped
SDJ
~~SP~~ & SP had picnic lunch at Minto Cove

Then walked to Shelly Beach where SS & SGA
met them. All had tea at T shop house.
Letter from S Janet.

Tues: Sept 2. SDJ in retreat - went to S Sarnus 7 o'clock
mass. SP got up early & looked for Venus
ears (No luck) Very hot day. ST & SGA
had breakfast in bed.

SP, SS & SGA took picnic to Nam Cove
later washed against heavy hot wind to
Shelly Beach. Saw & exhausted against
sand hills except SP who looked for shells.
Tea at T house - dear little Scotch there
Wind cold coming home - Very cold later
SDJ (still in retreat) had supper in bed

Wed: Sept 3 Beginning of the 3rd year of the war. Mass at S. Peter
at 7 o'clock. Very cold & a big gale blowing
but sunny. SDJ, SP & ST went to say goodbye
to Mrs Whitaker in the morning. wrote letters
most of the afternoon. Tremendous gale -
After tea all went for walks & admired the
spray on the breakwater - yards high. A lovely
red sunset & also moonlight over the sea.
All but SGA packed after tea. SP & ST called

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To say goodbye to the Slovans but they were at
Thurs. Sept 4th Sister Dorothy, Joan, Sister Phyllis & Sister Joyce, left
at 9.30 a.m. by taxi to catch the 10.15 p.m. train
for Pretoria. S.G.A. left for home until Sister
Helen Mary arrived at 12 noon from S. Catharina's.
The Assistant Superior arrived at 7.50^{p.m.}, having called
at King William's Town on her way from Irene. S.G.A.
met her at the station.

Fri: 5th S.G.A. to Mass at 7, other 2 had left in bed.
Rather windy day, & no one felt particularly
energetic.

Sat: 6th S.P.G. left in bed. S.F.P. was initiated into
the mysteries of housekeeping. Still very windy.

Sun: 7th All to Mass at 8 a.m. S.G.A. left for St. C's
Day of Prayer at 2.25 p.m. S.P.G. saw her off, but S.F.P.

Trin: XIII stayed at home & then got tea. Both to
Evening song at 7.30 p.m. Lovely sunny day.

Mon: 8th Both to Mass at 7 a.m. After morning tea

Nat: of O. Lady went over to the other side to shop. Had
lunch over there & came back about 2.15.

Tues: 9th S.P.G. had left in bed. S.F.P. again went
to shop. Dull & windy all day.

Weds: 10th To Mass at 7 a.m. No shopping later on!

Weds: Cont^d.

Black-out scheduled for 9 p.m. Both went to bed early to avoid any trouble with lights showing! Black-out lasted exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour, + seemed very effective.

Thurs: 11th.

S.F.P. had lft. in bed. Still more shopping later. After tea in the afternoon went up Lighthouse Hill, + came back again along the coast - a much nicer day - warmer, + not so windy.

Fri: 12th.

Mass at 7 a.m. After morning tea S.F.P. went to the rocks, + S.P.G. went to buy linoleum + other odds + ends. Church after tea for Vespers, then along by the rocks. Lovely sunny day, altho' wind still high.

Sat: 13th.

Both had lft. in bed. Lazy day as usual.

Sun: 14th.

Both to Mass at 8 a.m., but there was no

Holy + Day

Holy + Mass, only Trinity XIV.

(Trinity XIV)

* (S.F.P.'s epithet)

Both to Evensong at 7.30 p.m. - singing amazing! In between the 2 services there were various meals + outings.

Mon: 15th.

Both had lft. in bed - not the same bed! New linoleum put down in the kitchen, + Mrs. Smith as pleased as Punch. Hot day.

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Tues: 16th. Bpt. in bed for 2¹!. After morning tea went across to the other side + shopped. Had lunch over there, as Mrs. Smith was ironing, + it saved her trouble. Cold + rainy evening.

Weds: 17th. Both to Mass at 7. Rocks in the morning.
Bumby Day. Bitterly cold early, but later on it warmed up a little. Both in black habits. Father Sloman called in the morning but we were out, so he came back in the afternoon + had tea.

Thurs: 18th. Both had bpt. in bed. Warmer day, + white habits again. Sea a most glorious blue with white horses. Very rough wind in the afternoon + evening.

Fri: 19th. Both to Mass at 7. S.F.P. went over to the other side after bpt. to try + buy washing-boards for St. C's. Succeeded in buying one made largely of glass, not board. She had a letter saying it would be better if she went back on Sun: instead of Tues:, as the Tues: train was said to be a slow one, so after dinner both went over to the station to re-book seats, altho' it was a myth about the

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Tue: Cont^d:

Tuesday train! At 5 p.m. a wire came to tell S.F.H. she could stay till ~~tues~~: Tues: after all, but she decided to leave arrangements as they were, & S.H.G. decided to go by the Mon: train. Very rough & windy day, & a little rain in the evening. Another blackout at 9 p.m.

Sat: 20^a:

Bk. as usual. Both did many & various odd jobs prior to departure, & then went down to the sea. Colours & waves glorious. Wind got up very much about midday, & the afternoon was grey with drizzling rain.

Sun: 21st:

St. Matthew.

(Trin: XV.)

Both to Mass at 8 a.m. Lovely sunny day & sea a deep blue, but wind very high, & cold, so both in black.

S. F. Mary left for Umata at 2.25 p.m.

S.H.G. packed up her belongings & took them over in the taxi with S.F.H.

This saved a taxi on 2 successive days.

S.H.G. went to Evensong at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Smith & her little grandson came & slept in the house so that S.H.G. should not be alone. Heavy rain during the night.

Mon: 22^d:

S.H.G. left for Irene.

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