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11th St. Martin's Day. Rubies went to Mass as it is their Saint's Day.

S.S. took Dr. Lutherland, S.D. & Miss Preston to have lunch with Muriel Drewe. Miss Preston was to stay for a few days. Muriel prepared a delicious lunch after which we saw the Knitting School & the Church where the new Stations made by S.D. & Muriel & framed look very effective. S.S. & S.D. said office in Church. We then had a delicious tea returned bringing Muriel's maid back to hospital & have a finger attended to. There was a big funeral on.

On the way out we did some shopping in Tolo.

- ^{the Reubens arrived}
- 12th Mr. Cooper came to examine eyes. S.S. saw him. Dr. V. d. Walt was introduced to the hospital.
- 13th Shopping capⁿ & Ulmatata & to have car overhauled after 2000 miles. S.S. & M. drove back over the way for practice.
- 14th Peggy Lutherland finished at hospital.
- 15th Rubies had a picnic by the river & swam 2-4 p.m.
Dr. Drewe saw Nondumiso Ntloko at 4 p.m.
- 16th S. Margaret's Hostel had their annual tea party at 4.30 p.m. Dr. Lutherland & M. Watkins were invited. S.S. took S.M. for practice drive in the a.m. after 11 min. tea.
- 17th S. Superior was in retreat.
- 18th S.S. took S.M.M. for a practice drive. Requiem for Sister & Ladies' relations ~~at~~
- 19th Fr. Shrove heard Confessions. S.S. took S.M.M. for a practice drive. Office for October & November.
- 20th S.A.C. took M.C. & P. Lutherland to Ulmatata.

Miss Phoebe Ames arrived for a week's visit.

M. Drewe met her at Tolo Turn & brought her here & stayed the night. S.S. & S.D. gave the Women's Meeting a Film Show of the Mass in the School Hall at 4 p.m.

21st Miss Ames had breakfast in bed.

Fr. Shrove came to hear S.C.'s confession & the children's & gave us Devotions at 5 p.m.

S.S. took S.M.M. for a practice drive in the a.m. Sally Naunye from Fort Hare was expected but was unable to come.

Requiem Mass for children's relations who have died within 16 years & for the victims of the riots.

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- 22nd S. Charity was in retreat.
S.S. + S. D. D. went for a practice drive to
Bogwana.
- 23rd Miss Tangway came to tea.
There was a meeting at 12.0 about dates for terms
next year.
- 24th Rain came at last.
J. C. exams. finished.
- 25th Miss Ames visited C.S. J.B., the Carpenter's Shop
& the Hostel but after that returned to bed.
- 26th
- 27th S.S. took Miss Ames to the Tolo Turn to catch
her bus at 3.7 p.m. Muriel Drewe met us
there with Mrs. Nqweniso & Beatrice who were
transferred to our car. S.S. brought them to
S. Cuthbert's to see Dr. Drewe.
- 28th S.S. took Mrs. Nqweniso & Beatrice back to
Mbokotwana with S. D. D. We had tea
with Muriel, S. D. D. Saw the C.S. J.B. sister
& drove the car back.
- 29th
- 30th Advent Sunday.
- Dec. 1st Expⁿ to Umhlati to meet Kay Crabbe - with Dorothy.
- 2nd Miss Jones-Bateman was met by Mr. Playne
at the Tolo Turn & stayed at Key Cottage for
two nights.
- 3rd S. Joan & S. Sophie, O.H.P. arrived for their
rests.
- 4th S.A.C. took a party to Ngqela Church.
- 5th Dr. Dickson arrived for 2 nights.
- 6th D. Fehsen & Kay Crabbe went for a picnic
S.A.C. went to Elungweni to prepare for festivals.
- 7th Kay Crabbe & Dr. Dickson left for Holy Cross -
Solemn Evenings at Elungweni. S. Superior, S.A.C.

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- the two C.H.P. sisters drove over for it.
- 8th Superior took the two C.H.P. Sisters & S. Dorothy to Tetsu Falls, dropping D. Felsen & Auntie at Mankatowa. S.D. took the sister towards the Falls while S.S. drove back to Hawkeye to see Mr. Crabtree. The girls sang Carols at the Hospital.
- 9th Shopping expedition to Umatata.
- 12th Term ended at 11 a.m. Some girls went off at 6 a.m. some at 9.0 & the rest at 11.0. Nomonde & Lijine were in hospital.
- 10th In the evening we had the Prize-giving & Singing of Carols in the School Hall at 7 p.m. S. Joan C.H.P. gave away the prizes. Miss Watkinson was present as well as the two visiting sisters.
- 11th After school the time was taken up with packing.
- 13th 12th S.A.C. took the two C.H.P. Sisters to S. Barnabas & fetched the C.S.N.B. sister back.
- 14th Advent III. The B's went into retreat.
- 15th The B's in retreat
- 16th ..
- 17th S. Joan & S. Sophia left by the Leaning bus & S.A.C. went on Umatata to shop. Miss Preston came bus.
- 18th The B's came out of retreat. S. M. came down here for the holidays
- 19th Christmas preparations went on.
- 20th S. Irene arrived from Grahamstown by the Tourist bus & S. Veronica Faith from Kokstad by the ordinary bus. Superior met them at the Dolo Turn where they arrived almost simultaneously. S. D. M. was meanwhile waiting in T. Dolo.
- 21st Advent IV.
- 22nd S. Thomas Day (transferred) Superior took Nomonde Lijine & Umatata, beated their buses home & did the last of the Christmas shopping.
- 23rd Christmas Eve. Midnight Mass at 11.45 p.m. ~~Coron present after it.~~
- 24th After Vespers we had a festive time in Superior's office, opening Mother P's parcel with Mother B's letters inside & receive Superior's present of the

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working out a puzzle test on Ligei. wrapped round a candle.

At 4.30 we went to Evensong & Baptisms which were very lengthy.

We had Compliens & Maltin at 8.15 p.m.

25th Christmas Day.

We had Prime at 7.15 & breakfast at 7.30.

We went to Mass at 8.30.

The Maids had their presents on the kitchen table beautifully arranged by S.A.C.

The Ladies had their breakfast in the parlour with their presents & cards on the table.

We had Christmas dinner in the Refectory with a T-shaped table: Dorothea & Betty were with us & Miss Preston.

At 4 p.m. we had a tea-party for the Europeans of the Mission in the Dining-Hall. After tea we had carols in Chapel & then began to listen in to the Queen's speech in the Parlour. Unfortunately the batteries gave out & we only heard half the speech.

The children had a party at S.V.B. where they all enjoyed themselves immensely.

After the visitors had gone we cleared up & had Vespers & had a rather supper & early bed.

26th S. Stephen's Day. Superior took Dorothea & Maclean to catch the 12 o'clock train to Cape Town. Superior, S.D. & the two visitors then went on to see Freddy & then had a picnic on the road back in full view of the Drakenberg. The visitor had supper in bed.

27th S. John's Day.

28th The Holy Innocents. M. Cairn & then Sister R.M. Baumann came to tea.

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29th S. V. Faith had breakfast in bed. She + S. Irene + S. D. went out to the Mountain but the weather turned wet & they arrived back very damp! M. Cain & the Baumanns left for Durban.

30th S. Phyllis arrived at 7hls at 1 p.m. when her bus was only due at 2.25. She was brought out by a man working at Shephards but he met her just outside 7hls. She was very tired & went straight to bed.

31st New Year Eve - S. Irene, & S. Phyllis went for a walk with the B's & the river.

The Maids were giving a party in the Dining - Hall - our three, two from Key Cottage & three from the Hospital. We had Saints & matters after Compline.

January 1st D. Fehsen returned from C' Town and there was an expedition to Maclear to meet her. S.A.C. took S. Phyllis.

Wally & Aletta came to tea as a farewell to Aletta. Peggy Sutherland & the Secretaries arrived from St. Barnabas in the middle of tea.

January 1st We had the B's party at 3.30 p.m. We began with Carols in Chapel & then had tea & games in the Lower Dining - Hall. A very happy party. The Taylors left for their holiday & then to Alice.

2nd The Wrights left for their holiday: S.A.C. took S.P. & S.V.F. to Nshiza & Noraywona - S.S. & S. Irene took tea out to Red Hill.

3rd S.M.M. went to Ulmatata with M^{rs} Zeeman. S. Irene & S. Phyllis went to the Mountain right up to the shoulder.

* 4th See above.

5th Our three visiting sisters were in retreat. S.A.C. went to Ulmatata.

6th Father Young arrived from Cape Town. Epiphany

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- 7th
8th S. S. took S. Irene, S. V. Faith & S. Phyllis to the Duxie Falls - we took morning tea & were back & lunched. At one point we stuck in the mud but got out after advice from the driver of a lorry that came along. When we got back S. Irene found she had left her bag by the roadside & after phoning up the Senca Store, it came back in the afternoon by S. van der Walt who was at the Esuijns store for a clinic - wonderful police work! -
- 9th S. Irene & S. V. Faith departed. S. A. C. took them to Tolo for the Lusumby bus to Maritzburg. Mr. Macaulay arrived at 5.30 from Maritzburg & was met by S. A. C. & Dorotthea.
- 10th Our Long Retreat began at 7.30 p.m. latter by Fr. Young.
- 11th In retreat. D. Fehsen kept house for us. S. C. was out of retreat.
- 12th S. Phyllis was taken to the bus by Dorotthea - she left by the 8.35 bus to Kalkat. Wally & Aletha left for Holy Cross by the Lusumby bus.
- 13th In retreat.
- 14th In retreat.
- 15th We came out of retreat.
- 16th Mr. Boufflower arrived at 5.30 p.m. & Margaret Watthuis arrived back by car to Tolo. Her letter only arrived that afternoon & she had to be fetched from Tolo Hotel by Mr. Zeeman after Joyce B. had arrived.
- 17th S. M. M. went to Tolo to get her car license. Mr. Zeeman took her & she had no test. On the way back he gave her a final lesson.
- 18th Epiphany II.

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- 19th The girls were due back but only about 20 arrived.
- 20th 1st day of term. More girls arrived in the course of the day. Hospital Executive Meeting at 7.30 p.m.
- 21st
- 22nd S. M. D. went to S. Barnabas' to stay two nights. Mr. Zeeman went with her & brought the car back.
- 23rd Sister Ida arrived at 5.30 p.m.
- 24th S. S. took Joyce Bultflower, Mrs Macaulay & M. Watkins to S. Barnabas' to bring S. M. D. back. We picnicked on the way back by the loch.
- 25th Epiphany III.
S. C. was in retreat. S. D. & S. M. D. went to the out-station Elengicwesi & arrived back for dinner. Joyce B. & Miss Preston took a picnic lunch up the river.
- 26th Beatrice Ngweni returned to school.
- 27th S. S. took Joyce B. & Mrs Macaulay to have lunch & stay at M. Makatwana with Pieriel & Dorothy. Mother E. & S. Florence Thomas went. Mother E. & S. Umbella came back.
- 28th There was a meeting about Sunday School with Fr Jandner, Mother E. & S. S. at S. Joseph's office at 6 p.m. Four girls went home to fetch Book money.
- 28th Joyce B. & Mrs Macaulay went for a walk with S. Ida up the river. Three girls arrived back.
- 29th S. Ida was in retreat. Joyce B. & Mrs Macaulay paid a visit to C. S. J. B. The fourth girl arrived back. Mother Euphemia went to Makatwana for a night: she was fetched by Mr. Druwe.
- 30th Joyce Bultflower went off by the Lusans bus to Durban. SAC & S. Ida went with her to the bus on to Umhlati. Mr. Zeeman went too & S. Tabitha & S. Nina: S. T. should have been interpreting for a Confirmation class but S. B. agreed to take her place.
- 31st S. Ida had been in bed. Later she went for a walk

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with Sheila Macaulay and in the afternoon with Sister Charity. The weather was a little uncertain. Muriel Drove brought Mother back & S. Florence Theresa with her. The latter has gone into hospital. Muriel came to have a poisoned finger attended to & stayed two nights in S. Anne.

Feb. 1st Septuagesima.

Muriel was with us at tea. We had a sermon from Father Gardner on Septuagesima.

Feb. 2nd Candlemas.

We had the Blessing & Distribution of Candles before Mass in our chapel. Father Gardner came. We had the service from our Altar Book & say the Antiphon A light to lighten the Gentiles. There would have been time for the Nunc Dimittis as a whole which would have been better. Father came in without his Chasuble on & put it on ^{in Chapel} after the Distribution. All eight ¹⁰⁰ sisters were there & S. Datusi & S. Bertha & four seculars.

We had Heja Mass at 8.15 a.m.

Talkie Morning Tea & sweets.

S. Ida & S. Macaulay went for a walk Belleway. Talkie Tea & sweets. Mother E. came.

Muriel Drove went home after Morning tea & took a nurse & a S. Margaret's girl & took toated bus.

3rd Rather a wet day. Mrs. Macaulay had a cold.

4th Weather improved.

5th S.S. took S. Ida & Mrs. Macaulay out with picnic lunch, starting about 10.45 a.m. We intended to go up to Ngcele Church but got a puncture in the left front tyre about a mile and a half out. S.S. walked back to get help & Sandy came out in the jeep & changed the wheel. We then went on to take & leave the wheel at Shephards

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and went on to Mbokatawara with lunch on the way. We fetched a red chain wanted by S. R. Dany & brought back S. Isabella's luggage and had tea with Daniel & Dorottes, leaving about 4 o'clock. We found the inner tube was riddled & we must have a new one so came on without the spare wheel. S.S. did business at the P.O. & Mr. Hart's office & Mr. Macaulay got us very welcome cold drinks at the Cafe'.

6th. After Vesper Superior called on Mr. Robey & received a present of grapes. Devotions at 5 p.m.

7th. The tyre came back, brought by D. Lamin when he met his lady love in the children's confession at 4 p.m.

8th. Sesagesima. Mass in Chapel.

S. C. was in retreat.

It was wet so nobody went to Cluengicruis.

Mr. Robey came for tea.

9th. It was a wet day. S. Ida & S. H.V. were in retreat.

10th. Superior was in retreat. S. A.C. went to Uluteto.

11th. It was fine & S. Ida & Mr. Macaulay went for a walk Bele-wards in the morning. Father Shrine came for Sister's Confessions.

Father Provincial arrived.

12th. Mr. Macaulay helped D. & Mr. Drewe at school with a leprosy examination. Father Provincial came to see Superior.

SAC took Mr. M. & S. Ida to Ngcela Church - had a picnic lunch & returned early.

At 4 p.m. SS & SAC went to a very interesting Mothers' Union meeting.

13th. There was a Confirmation at Ngadeu.

SS & S. Ida took a picnic supper to the river.

SS talked to the children about Lent in the school

Hall at 4.45 p.m. M.E. S.M.M. & S.D. was in retreat

to S. Gethsemani in very old days. Father & Mr. Tanner called - they knew

14th. Confirmation Day at S. Cuttbeat's. There

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were 46 women & girls & about an equal number of boys & men. S.S. SAC, S. Bertha & 5 froupers put on veils in the School Room at 2 p.m. The candidates went into Church for Evensong at ~~2~~ 2.30. The Confirmation was at 3.0. There was the usual rush of fine late-comers white dresses. A nurse & a hospital maid were confirmed & they had a retreat at C.S.V.B. In the evening the girls had a short Singing

Practice with S. Bertha. The S. Joseph's boys came.

15th ^{Mr. Graham arrived on a visit.} Quinquagesima. The Bishop said our Mass at 7.0.

It was the First Communion. S.S. & S.A.C. went up with the froupers for veils at 8.15 a.m.

We had Prime & Tance before Mass at 6.30 a.m.

The Hostet girls - Choir in front - sat in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

S.D. & S.M. went to Elijencwies but found the church shut & nobody there. They were all at the First Communion. S.M. visited a leather Kraal.

Mr. Brahy came & tea. ^{Miss Wright came & play for the singing practice.} The Bishop preached at Evensong. ^{Elder went into hospital with impetigo.}

16th Mass in chapel at 6.20 a.m. S.A.C. took S. Ida & took for her bees. Auntie went to Obokatuwana for her daughter's Confirmation. She had a lift in the car. Nellie went to Mntata to catch her bus home as her relations want her. S.H.V. went to Mntata also. Nonabature & Muriel went to hospital for treatment for boils.

Father Provincial went away.

17th Shrove Tuesday.

Miss Leith - Ross came to the Mission with her brother & had lunch at the Wrights.

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