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1926
November
December.

S. Augustin's School.

Nov. 28th

Advent Sunday.

Mass & other services as usual in Church -
S: C in Retreat. Weather cold rain with gusty
wind. S: B. B. & S: M. B. amused children with
stereoscope in the evening.

29th

The ceiling of the girls new dormitory was begun.
Alice Segen went to Native School to be examined
by Mr. Anders for St VI. Boys attended Court of
Honour held by Mr. Hockley, who was trying
to interest them in the Scout movement.

30th

S. Andrew's Day. Thursday. Sung Mass at 8:30
Children all present. Alice still attending N. Sch:
for exams. Children practised for Christmas
mystery play as they are taking part in it

Dec: 1st

Wed: Alice at N. School - Boys scouting with
Mr. Hockley.

3rd

Fri: Mrs. Anders came to morning tea.
Fr. Noel & Fr. Playne came to tea to say Good-bye
before leaving for England.

Children practised play at S. Mary's.

4th

Sat: Morning School so as to have only a short
period on breaking up day, Friday 10th.

5th 2nd Sunday in Advent.

S^r. Mary Baptista's Class went to St. Robert's Little Christmas Play in the woods.

6th Monday. S. Nicholas' Day. Children went to

English Sung Mass in S. Catherine's Church at 7. This was the Christmas Communion for most of the year - as they would have the us of opportunity of the house
School until 1:30. At 2 o'clock they had a

Christmas Dinner - Goose - & plum puddings with tuckers. After dinner Santa Claus appeared in the garden bending under a sack of presents. This caused great excitement -

In the evening the children got ready for the Christmas play - but heavy rain made it impossible for the play to be performed. So the children played the hand bells on the Verandah whi: was part of their share in the play. F. Payne heard them from the Mission House & came to listen.

7th Tuesday. The rain continued so the plan of having the Christmas Play out-of doors had to be abandoned. & it was given in the Woodwork School. The S. Augustines children had their own scene - they were the pilgrims who came to visit the Holy ^{Child} Angels. They also played

Chimes & two Christmas Carols on the hand bells
wh. gave great delight - the natives had never heard
anything like it before.

8th Wed: Father Noel who has been connected
with S. Augustine's School from the beginning,
left S. Cuthberts for England. The children
went down to see him off in the motor, which
pleased him v. much.

10th ~~Friday~~ The children left for their Christmas holidays -
They first had morning school & pleased the
parents who had come to fetch them with
their drilling & singing - All got off before
dinner excepting Mary Douglas & Douglas &
Willie Lurie, but these were fetched early in the
afternoon. Mary, Nancy & Elsie McAlister
stayed behind until Monday as there was
no means of getting them into Umtata before
then - Sister Jane kindly took them for all the
holidays - It was not thought advisable to
send them to their own relations as they were
still v. ignorant of Christianity (being new comers)
& the relations are heathen.

12th 3rd Sunday in Advent. Florence & Francina

Adkins, who had stayed behind to help us to get straight after the children had gone home, were fetched by their Father after Mass.

Sister Ethel Beatrice spent the holidays at S. Mary's - this being her rest. She had been going to Irene but the Novice Mistress came to visit the Sisters at S. Cathberts so this was impossible - Sister Felicity from the O. S. G. Pretoria came to S. C's for her rest & the two enjoyed it together -

Sister Claudia & St. Mary Baptista stayed at the School & had a busy time - making jam, sweets & butter ^{tending the poultry} & looking after various cleanings & alterations - The Girls new dormitory was practically finished in this time - the boys Dormitory replastered - The two huts whi. had been the girls Dormitory were refloored & replastered. one being turned into the Native Servants' hut & the other the Sisters' Community & Prayer Hut - The little hut whi. had been the Sisters' was also done up - Christina had a holiday before Christmas (not a girl)

& Nomateмба after. Dorcas came to help several times (She & Inna Tchile did the flooring & plastering of the two huts). Elsie Sobrya did the little hut. John Maquetziba came to do chopping & look after the animals.

On Christmas Day, the School was shut up after breakfast. (St. Claudia had breakfast there in case any coloured friends arrived for breakfast after Mass). All went to S. Mary's for Christmas Dinner, Recreation most of the day.

All through the holidays S. C. & S. M. B. went to dinner at S. Mary's when possible - & Recreation was directly afterwards.

1923

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| Date | Policy Item | Description of Building | Amount on Building | Amount on Contents | Total |
|------|-------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| ? | 407624 | Boys' Dormitory, Master's Room | £ 150 | — | 150 |
| | 407679 | Kitchen, dining room, Store Linen " etc | 450 | | 450 |

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1927.

January 4th A Sister was offered a seat in the car going to Umbata by Mrs S. Croit & Miss Gregory - Sr C was allowed to accept & was able to do some necessary shopping.

(Holidays Continued).

25th The children began to arrive back. Florence & Francis had come on Sunday aft^r to help to prepare for them. Two new girls arrived from St. Jane with the McAlister's. Gladys & Mabel Henley.

Dorothy Adkins (our baby) came back to us with a v. swollen eye had to go to the Hospital daily for treatment. Later she developed inflammation of the ears & was v. ill. She was nursed at S. Augustines - the weather was bad so several children were late in returning.

31st B^r made their Confession

Feb: 1st B^r made their Confession

2nd Wed: F of the Purification - Children made their Communion at 6.30.

12th Mary, Margaret, Nancy, & Elsie McAlister were baptised at S. Cuthberts at 7 o'clock by Fr. Chard. All the children were present. The baptism was followed by a special Mass for the children.

13th

Sunday Septuagesima. Douglas & Willie Frier arrived back by wagon with their Aunt Jane Meki. They were late because she had been undecided what to do with them as she found the fees impossible. As they are v. deserving of help it has been decided that she finds the fees for one boy & we for the other.

Stanley, Tom & George James arrived from Aggeleni - the two 1st have been in School before -

Mary Douglas was in Hospital for 3 weeks undergoing treatment for boils -

27th

Quinquagesima Sunday. At 11:30 the Girls New Dormitory was blessed by Fr. Chard.

The children formed up on the Verandah. Fr. C & Assistants vested in the School room. Mr. John Williams was Crucifer - & boys were Thurifer, boatboy, Candlebearers, & Rope bearers. The girls followed the Priest & others, then 4 Sisters, boys & the St. Superior & St. C. They sang "O God our help in Ages past" in Procession. After some prayers (one dedicated the Dormitory to S. Monica) Father sprinkled each bed with Holy Water while suitable hymns were sung. Bath room & Sister's Cell were likewise blessed & then in the same way each

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