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## FR HENRY DAY

29 May 1865 - 21 January 1951



Henry Day came out to the Zambezi Mission in 1887 for his health. He was suffering from ‘consumption’ (TB). After philosophy at Dunbrody, he returned to England, in 1892, completely cured. He went on to be a preacher and lecturer in Liverpool and Manchester where ‘he was not shy in venturing into that confused borderland between the religious and political. ... He was all but sublime in his simplicity and this quality, accompanied by a massive unimaginativeness, account for his readiness to make final pronouncements and to confront all comers’.

He became a chaplain in the war (1914-18) and was described by Lieut. General W. E. Payton, commander of his division, as ‘most gallant among that gallant body of men, the ‘padres’ of all denominations, who in the theatre of war shared the dangers and hardships of the trenches and the open field and ministered with such sympathy to both the spiritual and bodily wants of all ranks. Fr Day stood out for his simplicity, bravery and breadth of vision.’