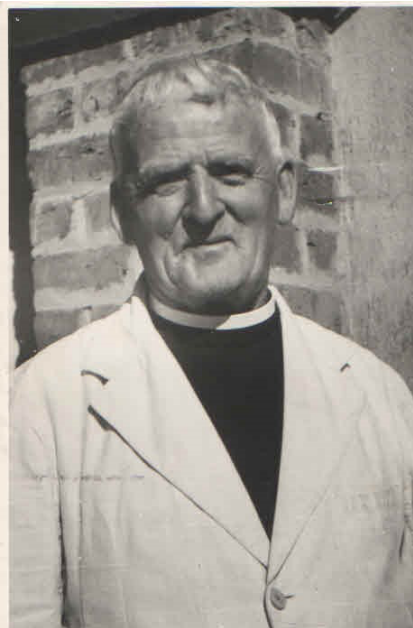


June 16

Br PATRICK MELLON

31 December 1881 – 16 June 1956



Born in Edinburgh, Patrick Mellon joined the Society in 1903 after training as a stone mason. He came to Rhodesia in 1908 and never went home once in the next almost 50 years. He started in Chishawasha where he learnt carpentry with Br Puff. In 1910 he went to Gokomere where the conditions were primitive; little food, money or transport and malaria ever present. One time he was thrown from a wagon by runaway oxen. Another time he was caught in a downpour and 'sheltered' under a wagon.

Br Mellon moved wherever there were building needs: Salisbury in 1921, Driefontein in 1923, Salisbury again in 1925, Empandeni 1929,

Triashill 1930, Gokomere (again) in 1936, the Seminary in 1940, Chishawasha in 1941, Makumbe in 1942 and Monte Cassino in 1943. He and Br John Buskens built the granite church in Gokomere (see photo below). He went on to build the cathedral in Salisbury, St George's College, the church at Makumbi, the large community house at Monte Cassino and many more.

He was a quiet, friendly man with a shrewd sense of humour. His photo (above) says it all.

