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Sometimes our early companions did not even reach the place to which they were sent before dying. Br Joseph Dowling, from Waterford, Ireland, got as far as Mopea on his way to Quelimane when he succumbed to dysentery. He had entered the Society in 1876 and by 1880 had reached St Aidan's. He then set out for Quelimane but why his route took him through Mopea is not clear. Surely, he should have gone by ship? Mopea is well inland on the north side of the Zambezi River and right in the heart of 'malaria' country. All we have that is immediately available about him is a letter from Fr Gabriel (?) to say he died. The picture is of a former Jesuit church (at Coalane) not far from Quelimane.

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Born in Waterford, Ireland on May 8, 1846, he entered the Society of Jesus on August 3, 1897 in the English Province. He went to the Zambèzia Mission (Mozambique) where he arrived in Quelimane on April 26, 1881. After spending a few days in Quelimane, he went with his companions to Mopeia, where he arrived on May 7th. He died in October 27 of the same year. He was one of the pioneers of the Zambezia Mission in Mozambique.

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