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Fr WILLIAM ARKWRIGHT 26 January 1862 – 22 November 1930



Born in Preston and educated at the Mount, William Arkwright joined the Society in 1880 and soon found himself at St Aidan's. After a year he moved to Graaff Reinet and in 1889 he was in Dunbrody. When the Zambezi Mission was divided between the English and the Portuguese Jesuits, he opted for the latter and is next heard of in Macao, the tiny foothold on the Chinese coast held by Portugal for hundreds of years right up to 1999. He taught English there in the seminary. (The photo shows all that remains of St Paul's Jesuit Church in Macao.)

Then came the Portuguese revolution (1910) and religious were banished from Portuguese territories. Arkwright moved to India where he taught in a school in Cochin and organised the scouts. He died there in Belgaum.