

19 December

Br FRANCIS GARNIER

22 July 1878 – 19 December 1896



Aged just eighteen, Francis Garnier is the youngest Jesuit of the Zambezi Mission to die. And, once again, it was the dreaded typhoid which carried off one of our men before they could even start. He was Belgian though born in Combourtille, France. He entered the Society in 1893

and did half his novitiate in England so as to learn the language of the Mission. After vows, he sailed for South Africa but became progressively more ill at Dunbrody and died in Port Elizabeth. The photo shows two brothers, one at either end, neither of them Garnier, at work in Dunbrody.