

## **APRIL 9, 1947 Fr. John Henry, CM**

In 1947, at Cork in Ireland, the death of Fr John Henry, aged 85. He came to join the Ashfield staff from Ireland in November 1893, immediately after his ordination to the priesthood.

He was already a cleric from County Sligo when he joined the Congregation at the age of 27, and had only 4 years at Blackrock before he was ordained. He was appointed to Bathurst as dean in 1894, but shortly afterwards was transferred to the mission staff.

Besides missions in various parts of Australia, he was also engaged with Fr John Hagarty on the first South African mission in 1906. It was from South Africa that he returned to Ireland and further mission work there. He spent altogether 13 years in Australia.

*("Vincentian Journal")*

*Fr John Henry was born in Doomore, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo, in the diocese of Achonry. His parents were Walter Henry and Ellen Davey. He entered the Congregation at Blackrock on August 28, 1889, took vows on September 8, 1891, and was ordained at Blackrock on September 17, 1893. He died in St Vincent's, Sunday's Well, Cork, on April 9, 1947.*

*He worked in Australia while it was still part of the Irish Province, including missions in Tasmania and New Zealand. In 1906 he was sent to give missions in South Africa with another Irish confrere. After returning from Australia to Ireland, Fr Henry moved to the US, with the intention of transferring to the US Western Province.*

*Within the CM archives in Ireland there is no date for either his leaving for the US or for his return. On December 14, 1914, the Irish Visitor wrote to the Superior General that Fr John Henry was transferring to the US Western Province. On January 29, 1919, the Visitor told the Superior General that he agreed to have Fr John Henry back in the Irish Province. (From Irish Province Archives)*