
DEATH OF THE VERY REV. DEAN FITZPATRICK.

Referring to the death of the Very Rev. Dean Fitzpatrick the Melbourne *Herald* of Tuesday says:—A very large number of people, even outside the Catholic Church, will be pained to learn that the venerable Dean Fitzpatrick expired at St. Patrick's this morning at the advanced age of 80 years. His death was not unexpected, as he had been ailing for some time, although it was not until Tuesday last that he found it necessary to take to his bed. Dean Fitzpatrick, or Monsignor Fitzpatrick (to give him the designation to which he was properly entitled, although the titular honor was never used by him, and, indeed, known to but few, so modest and retiring was the deceased ecclesiastic) was born in Ireland in 1810, and was educated at Maynooth. In the year 1837, at the invitation of the late Dr. Ullathorne, who was then Bishop of Sydney, he came to Australia, and for 10 years he labored in that city and its vicinity. Ten years ago he accompanied the late Dr. Goold, Archbishop of Melbourne, to the then small and unimportant settlement known as Port Phillip, where he at once entered on his clerical duties in and around what afterwards developed into Melbourne and has since remained here. He was very well known both by members of his own faith and others of all denominations, by whom he was held in the highest esteem and affection. He always manifested the deepest interest in all Catholic and charitable movements, but the great object of his life was the erection of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and it may be almost literally said that scarcely a stone of that magnificent pile has been put in its place except under his personal supervision. Dr. Fitzpatrick, ever since the establishment of the diocese, has been vicar general, and after the death of the late Dr. Goold he acted as the administrator of the diocese until the appointment of the present Archbishop, Dr. Carr. His last appearance in public was on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the addition to St. Patrick's school, on which occasion he received a most joyous welcome from those present. His medical attendant, Dr. Brownless, has been most unremitting in his attendance on him, and in his last moments he received the consolation of religion from the Archbishop of Melbourne and other clergymen.