

"WE regret to announce the death (says the London *Universer*) of Dr. Fitzgerald, a distinguished Catholic Irishman, who, after a brilliant professional career in the far ends of the British Empire, settled down a few years ago in Ramsgate, to spend his remaining days in peace. Dr. Fitzgerald was one of the pioneers of the South African colony and did most valuable work, both medical and political, in New Zealand. He was a trusted friend and colleague of Sir George Grey, the Governor, and the influence which his skill and kindness gained for him among the disaffected Maoris was of great use to the Governor in those troubled early days. It cannot be said that Dr. Fitzgerald received the full measure of reward to which his work and character entitled him. But he was naturally a happy man. His own generous nature made him see good in everyone and everything; wherever he went he made troops of friends: he was one of those men who never feel impelled to ask the doubting question, 'Is life worth living?' He made his own life worth living and he helped everyone he knew to the same solution. He was a man of beautiful simplicity and piety of life—an example to all men. He will be deeply regretted by friends all over the world."—*R.I.P.*

WE take the following from the *Catholic Times* of March 6:—The Most Rev. Francis Redwood, Archbishop of Wellington and Primate of New Zealand, who occupied the pulpit of St. Anne's, Spitalfields, on Sunday evening, is, says the *Daily Chronicle*, generally accounted the finest orator of the Catholic Church in the colonies. It was at Staines that he received episcopal consecration at the hands of Cardinal Manning, on March 17, 1871. The Archbishop acknowledges a weakness for the violin, which he plays with more than average amateur skill, and he is the possessor of a very valuable Stradivarius. The Archbishop has recently blessed the new school of St. Joseph, founded by the Marist Fathers, on the Boulevard Beausejour, near the Bois de Boulogne, Paris. The school, which is in a most healthy situation, has already received a good contingent of pupils belonging to the best French families.

THE *Nelson Evening Mail* pays the following tribute to the late Mr. M. J. Hunt whose death was referred to in our last week's issue:—The late Mr. Hunt had been connected with the Magistrate's Court in various capacities ever since his arrival here from Otago 22 years ago. Officially he was ever diligent, courteous, and considerate, and when it was in his power, he would always avoid extreme measures as bailiff by giving a little kindly advice which many a time has been accepted with the most satisfactory results. As a private citizen he was held in the highest esteem and in many instances he did with his might what his hand found to do in any cause that lacked assistance." He will be missed in connection with Church devotions at St. Mary's, and also as a collector for the annual picnic for the boys of the Stoke Orphanage. There were very few people who did not know Mr. Hunt, and who had not many a time enjoyed with him a chat about "the good old times" of Nelson and Otago, and of the Old Country and other places, about which he always had something interesting to tell. Deceased was a native of Sligo, and after leaving Ireland 40 years ago, where he was in the Royal Irish Constabulary, he came to Victoria, serving in the police there and also in Otago. During his service in the South he late Mr. Hunt distinguished himself in a capture of some gold robbers, and received a reward for his services. Deceased, who was 68 years of age, leaves four daughters (two of them nurses in the Wellington Hospital) and two sons to mourn the sudden loss of both parents. The *Nelson Colonist* of April 12 gives the following account of the funeral of the deceased. The funeral of the late Mr. Michael James Hunt was very largely attended yesterday afternoon. The body was conveyed to St. Mary's Church, where a service was held. The Very Rev. Father Mahoney, in an excellent address, referred to the deceased as one who had faithfully discharged his duties, and in doing so had secured the esteem of his fellow citizens. Deceased's kindheartedness and solicitude for the orphans was also referred to. The reverend gentleman concluded by urging his hearers to be prepared for death. Orphans from the Stoke Orphanage and St. Mary's marched in front of the hearse. Judge Robinson, his Worship the Mayor and some City Councillors, some of the local Justices of the Peace, Government and Court officials, the Police staff, and a large number of other citizens were present. Besides those on foot there were over twenty carriages in the procession.

WE regret, says the *Dunstan Times* of April 16, to have to record the death of Mr. M. Keliher, a very old resident of this district, who died at his residence, Waikerikeri Valley, last Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Keliher has been about 26 years in the Waikerikeri Valley, having come to the Colony about 35 years ago. He had attained the good old age of 70, and leaves six of a family to mourn his loss—three boys and three girls. His wife died about fourteen years ago. The deceased had not been ill for very long, but had been laid up for the past three weeks with inflammation, though no one expected the end was so near. Dr. Hyde was in attendance and did all he could for Mr. Keliher prior to his death.—*R.I.P.*

THE services at St. Mary's, Milton, on Easter Sunday were attended by large congregations. At 11.30 solemn Mass was chanted, the choir singing Est's devotional and pleasing composition. Kerner's beautiful duet, "Ecce Panis," was sung as an offertory by Mrs. T. King and Mr. J. A. Scott, and Lambilotte's "O Salutaris," by Miss O'Neill. The Very Rev. Father O'Neill officiated at morning and evening services, and Miss Scanlan presided at the organ. The altar of the church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion.—*Bruss Herald*.

UNDER the heading of "A Graceful Tribute" the *Greymouth Evening Star* of April 14 has the following:—As most of our readers are aware the Rev. Father Servajeau has been transferred to the Ahaura. While stationed at Greymouth he took a great deal of interest in the welfare of the Catholic Brass Band; indeed to his exertions are mainly due the present excellent position of the band. This week the members presented the rev. gentleman with a fine fowling-piece in recognition of his services, accompanied by the following illuminated address, very artistically written by Mr. R. Phillips:—"To the Rev. Father Servajeau, Dear and Rev. Father,—We, the members of the Greymouth Catholic Brass Band, beg to express our sincere regret at your departure from amongst us. We are sure you will be missed, not only by us, but also by the large number of friends with whom you have come in contact during your stay here. As director of our band you have endeared yourself to us by your kindly ways and gentlemanly disposition. Our success, both musically and financially, has been due mainly to your untiring efforts in procuring new members and promoting concerts, etc., from which we always derived a substantial benefit. As our secretary, you have performed your duties with the utmost satisfaction, being always ready to assist in all business matters in connection with the band and attend to all correspondence. In consideration of the valuable services rendered by you, we ask you to accept a small token of our esteem. Therefore, Rev. Father, wishing you every health and prosperity in your new sphere,—We remain, yours faithfully, the Members of the Greymouth Catholic Brass Band."

WE are informed that the new illuminant, to which reference is made in our Science Column, is soon to be introduced into New Zealand. A New Zealand Acetylene Gas Co. has been formed, with head offices at Nelson, and Mr. W. Tyree, managing director, is now making preliminary arrangements for placing the new gas before the public.

Diocese of Dunedin.

HOLY WEEK.

All the ceremonies prescribed for Holy Week were duly carried out at St. Joseph's Cathedral, and the various Offices and Masses were largely attended throughout the week. The ceremonies commenced on Wednesday evening with the office of *Tenebrae* which was also sung on Thursday and Friday evenings, the Most Rev. Dr. Verdon presiding on each occasion. The cantors were the Very Rev. Dean Mackay, Very Rev. Father O'Leary and Very Rev. Father O'Neill, and they were assisted by a large number of the priests of the diocese. On Holy Thursday High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop at 7 a.m., at which Mass the blessing of the holy oils took place. After *Tenebrae* in the evening the Very Rev. Dean Mackay preached an impressive and devotional sermon on the Blessed Eucharist, viewing it especially in its aspect as the great sin offering under the New Law. During all the day on Holy Thursday there was adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, special hours for adoration being appointed for the different sections of the various confraternities. At ten o'clock on Good Friday morning the Mass of the Pre-sanctified was celebrated, his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by a number of priests, being the celebrant. The Gospel of the day, describing the condemnation and Passion of our Saviour, which as rendered in the Catholic Church forms a most powerful appeal to the religious feelings, was sung by Very Rev. Dean Mackay and Rev. Fathers Ryan and Duffy. The Very Rev. Father O'Leary occupied the pulpit and preached an earnest, powerful and practical discourse on the Passion of our Divine Lord. The altar of repose was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers and candles, affording a striking contrast to the high altar which was stripped of its ornaments and covered with the draperies of mourning. On Holy Saturday Mass was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop at 7 a.m., the celebration being preceded by the ceremony of the lighting of the fire and the blessing of the paschal candle and the font. On Easter Sunday Masses were celebrated as usual at 7.30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock, and at both Masses the congregations approached the Sacrament in very large numbers. The church was also crowded at 11 o'clock when Pontifical High Mass was celebrated. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, Rev. Father Murphy, deacon; Rev. Father Maloney, sub-deacon and Rev. Father Ryan, assistant priest. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Father Murphy who preached an earnest sermon on the Resurrection.

The music for the occasion was Mozart's Twelfth Mass, which was splendidly rendered by the Cathedral choir, assisted by an efficient orchestra under Mr. A. T. Nottingham. The solo parts were taken by Miss R. Blaney (soprano), Miss K. Blaney (alto), Messrs. E. Eagar and P. Carolin (tenor), and Mr. James Jago (bass).