

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PETER'S PENCE

His Lordship Dr. Whyte has received from Cardinal Gasparri the following letter:—

(Translation.)

The Vatican,  
October 6, 1925.

Secretariate of State of His Holiness.

Illustrious and Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop,—

As is well known the Apostolic See is unequal to the task of coping with the necessity, now immensely greater, of providing for so many works of faith and charity throughout the world, therefore the faithful of your diocese who, inspired by yourself and your clergy, have sent to our common Holy Father, through the Apostolic Delegate, a contribution towards "Peter's Pence" amounting to £170, have deserved well of their religion.

This office of love and duty was most pleasing to the August Pontiff, who, while returning thanks to all, earnestly begs that Almighty God may repay the donors with most bountiful gifts.

And as a help towards obtaining the same, as well as a pledge of his paternal benevolence, he imparts to yourself and to all the flock committed to your care his Apostolic Blessing.

While communicating this message to you, I avail of the opportunity of expressing my own personal esteem for your Lordship, and remain

Your Lordship's faithful servant.

P. CARDINAL GASPARRI.

Right Rev. James Whyte,

Bishop of Dunedin.

(Original.)

Dal Vaticano,

6 Ottobre, 1925.

Illue ac Revme Domine,—

Cum probe sit cognitum imparem omnino esse Apostolicam Sedem necessitatibus, in immensum auctis, sustentandi nempe tam multa fidei et caritatis opera per universum terrarum orbem, ideo non parum de religione meruisse dicendi sunt fideles istius diocesis, qui, te quidem cum clero hortante, Patriam stipem Lst. 170, per Delegatum Apostolicum communi Patri miserunt.

Itaque acceptum sane habuit Augustus Pontifex id amoris et observantiae officium; de quo debitas grates persolvens, id a Deo enixe rogat ut muneribus suis quam largissimis donatores istos benigne cumulare velit.

Quorum caelestium honorum conciliatrix itemque paternae benevolentiae pignus Apostolica sit Benedictio, quam tibi cunctoque gregi tuis curis credito amanter impertit.

Hac tibi referens, libenter occasione utor sensus existimationis maximae erga te meae profitendi, quibus sum et permanere gaudeo.

Amplitudini Tuae addictissimus

V. CARD. GASPARRI.

Illmo ac Revmo Domino

Jacobo Whyte, Episcopo Dunedinensi.

It is great folly not to part with your own faults, which is possible, but to try instead to escape other people's faults which is impossible. Marcus Aurelius.

## OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS WALTER TYMONS,  
WELLINGTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Thorndon was grieved on Tuesday, the 24th inst., and indeed all Wellington, when it was known that Mr. Tymons, of Guildford Terrace, had passed away. His death was not unexpected. The slender flame of life had flickered long before his actual passing. Mr. Tymons was born in 1839 in the County of Limerick. He left Limerick as a stripling and came to Melbourne. From there he came to Dunedin. That was in 1865. After Dunedin he went to the West Coast. He lived there for many years and returned there again after an interval during which he lived in Christchurch and Timaru. His name will long be remembered in business circles on the Coast. He was married there by Dean Martin 58 years ago. The Coasters count him one of the best Coasters of them all, and even the younger generation begged time from the Heads of their offices to attend the Requiem. After his twenty odd years there he retired, living for a time at Lower Hutt. He was twelve years—his last years—in Wellington. His mourners are his wife (Mrs. Tymons), Sister Ursula of the Convent of St. Joseph, Wanganui; Sister Claude, Sisters of Mercy, Singleton, N.S.W.; Rev. Father P. W. Tymons, V.F., Napier, one of the most widely known clerics in these islands; Mr. Frank Tymons, O.B.E., Christchurch; Mr. Joseph Tymons, Wanganui; and Rev. Father James Tymons, of the diocese of Kimberley, South Africa. In a recent issue the *Southern Cross* gives a speech of Bishop O'Leary of that diocese, thanking Rev. Father James Tymons, the Master of Ceremonies during his consecration as Bishop, for the success that attended it. This was due, he said, to the brilliant work, and the energy of Rev. Father James Tymons, to whom will be extended in this sad event the special sympathy that one gives to the one away. A nephew of the late Mr. Tymons is Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., and his nieces are the Misses Matier of this city. The late Mr. Tymons was a man of intense, and flame-like Faith. The Thorndon parish revered his saintliness and felt in him a pride of possession. Every parish feels that the holiness of its old brings down upon it a blessing. He lived a hidden life, a life of mortification. Never did he know what it was to spare himself. At eighty he still knelt upright on the floor to say the long, familiar prayers he loved. "John O'Brien" has given us a lasting picture of a little Irish mother. Had he known Mr. Tymons he might have given us a picture of an Irish father too. He was a sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament, an un-failing Guard of Honor at the Quaram' Ore. His faithful silent figure was missed at the last Forty Hours. In vigil, in fasting, and in prayer, that long clean life was spent. Even illness could not bend reverence to ease. It is recorded of him that the doctor, hastening in, had to wait in silence till his thanksgiving after Communion was done. In these days too often the Creator is put aside for the creature. With him that could never be.

To quote a well-known Redemptorist Missioner, Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., "Mr. Tymons filled up the measure of his days with merit and honor. Such a life as his is a lesson for us all." And Thorndon will echo that. His soul after death must have been as a field of lilies. His passing was like his life full of honor. The light of heaven to his soul!

The *Wellington Evening Post* says:—"Solemn Requiem Mass was held at the Sacred Heart Basilica for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. T. W. Tymons. The Basilica was crowded, testifying to the respect in which the deceased gentleman was held by the members of the church of which he was a staunch adherent. The following clergymen were present: Archbishop O'Shea, presiding in the sanctuary; Father Moloney (Wellington), celebrant; Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., (Wellington), deacon; Father Murphy, S.M. (Wellington), subdeacon; Father Smyth, S.M. (Wellington), master of ceremonies; Father W. Tymons, S.M. (Napier), son of deceased; Father O'Reilly, S. M. (Wellington), provincial; Dean Regnault (Wellington); Dean Connolly (Kilbirnie); Fathers Walsh (Nai Nai), S. Mahony (Wellington), McDonnell, S.M. (Wellington), Kelly (Newtown), Cullen (Wellington), Ryan, S.M. (Wellington), Spillane, S.M. (Wellington), Kingan, S.M. (Wellington), Heffernan, S.M. (Wellington), Seymour, S.M. (Temuka), Barra, S.M. (Timaru), Quealy (Petone), Daly (Lower Hutt), McDermott (Foxton), Butler (Wellington), Devoy, S.M. (Island Bay), McGettigan (Dunedin). The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Father Smyth, S.M. The chief mourners were the widow, Mrs. Tymons, and her three sons, the Rev. W. Tymons and Messrs. Joseph and Frank Tymons. The singing of the Mass was very beautiful. Fathers S. Mahony and Ryan were the soloists. Miss Dennehy, of Timaru, presided at the organ."

This week's issue of the *New Zealand Free Lance* is a Souvenir Number illustrative of the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition at Dunedin and also gives prominence to photographs associated with the life of the late Queen Alexandra. It is a beautifully illustrated double number of 68 pages, with a handsome and striking cover design in two colors, depicting the dome of the Exhibition Festival Hall.

The description of the Opening of the Exhibition and its leading features is brightly and graphically written up by the *Lance's* Special Reporter and the photographic views are choice, copious, and varied. It is a number which no one should miss and is obtainable at all booksellers.

## BUSINESS NOTICE.

We have been obliged to use an inferior class of paper in our issue of this week as well as that of last week. Shipping was disorganised through the strike and in consequence a shipment of paper from Home was delayed. We hope to have our usual quality in time for next issue.

JOHN P. WALLS, Manager.

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