

**PYRMONT.  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE EMPIRE.**

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Sir,

Pyrmont has been built upon upwards of a quarter of a century, and boasts now of a large population, but I regret to say there is not yet any place of worship for Roman Catholics.

In August a few labouring men commenced exerting themselves to raise a sufficient sum for a building to be used as a place of worship, as well as for a school; a few of the more wealthy joined them, but up to this time £80 only has been collected: most of the Roman Catholics resident at Pyrmont are persons with large families and but small means. I therefore earnestly call upon co-religionists in other places to come forward and help us. We, of Pyrmont, have often been called upon to assist other places, and other denominations, and it cannot be said that we have not responded to the call as far as our means would allow.

Mr. Archibald Telfer (who I thank for the residents at Pyrmont), has kindly and gratuitously given us a plan and specification of the building we are anxious to erect, and we find that its cost will be £550; so that we now require £470. Our friends will perhaps kindly bear in mind that it is a long way to send our young children to divine service or to school, either into Sydney, or to St. Benedict's, Parramatta-street.

Collectors are furnished with books, in which entries of subscribers to date are inserted, bearing the signature of the Rev Timothy M'Carthy as a guarantee of safety. This reverend gentleman has kindly undertaken to receive any subscriptions forwarded from the country.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant.

PATRICK O'TOOLE. Hon. Treasurer.

Pyrmont, 27th February, 1865.