

people, and especially the young men, who became greatly attached to him through his influence and interest in the Catholic Literary Society. From here he was transferred to the archdiocese of Wellington, performing devoted duty at Reefton, Napier, and elsewhere. Returning in later years again to Christchurch he was stationed at St. Mary's, Manchester street, and from there on the retirement of the late Dean Ginaty, S.M., he was appointed to Mount Magdala as chaplain.

The Irish Hierarchy and the Insurance Bill

At the meeting of the Irish Hierarchy at Maynooth College on June 20, the following resolutions with regard to Mr. Lloyd George's Insurance scheme were passed:—

While we regard the National Insurance Bill as a great and beneficent provision for the needs of the large industrial population of England and Wales, of which 78 per cent. are urban and only 22 per cent. rural, and of which the vast bulk both in town and country subsist on daily wages, we consider the measure inapplicable to Ireland, which is, in the main, an agricultural country, of whose population only 28 per cent. are urban and 72 per cent. rural, and only a mere fraction either in urban or rural areas are wage-earners, the immense majority being workers on their own account as farmers, shopkeepers, and others, who neither receive nor pay wages.

The clause which compels parents both in town and country (except farmers under £20 valuation) to insure their sons and daughters over 16 years of age, who do any work in their houses, on their farms, or at any other business or trade, and to pay for them the two-fold contribution of employer and employed, would, in our opinion, cover the majority of all those to be insured, and would generally be unnecessary, and in most cases grievously oppressive for the totally inadequate benefit of free medical attendance and free medicine without sick pay or disablement pay.

Of the wage-earners to be insured a great proportion are boarded and lodged by their employers, as female domestic servants, shop assistants, farm hands, and artisans' apprentices, and would be ineligible for sick pay and disablement pay, and could receive only free medical attendance and free medicine of the very same character which they now receive through the existing dispensary system.

The cost of this Insurance scheme would be a heavy burden on many of our small, struggling industries, and would, in our opinion, increase unemployment, whereas a great need of Ireland is more employment and better wages, and not a provision designed for the wounded members of a wealthy and powerful industrial system.

Therefore, we request the Chancellor of the Exchequer not to extend the Bill to Ireland, and to set aside the State contribution necessary for financing this scheme to the credit of Ireland, either for an Insurance scheme specially devised for the needs of this country, or for some other purpose that may be deemed more beneficial to the general welfare of our population; and we ask the Irish Party to urge this policy in Parliament.

OBITUARY

THE LATE MR. MCPARLAND, WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

The funeral of the late Mr. Francis McParland, proprietor of the Hotel Cecil, took place on Monday and was one of the largest yet seen in this city. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Basilica. The funeral cortege left that church at 2.30 p.m. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Father Hickson, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Rev. Father Peoples. The Government was represented by the Hon. R. McKenzie.

The late Mr. McParland was a native of County Armagh, and landed in New South Wales in 1861. He came to the Otago Goldfields in 1862, and after trying his luck there for a couple of years, he left for the West Coast, arriving there in 1865. The following year saw him as the owner of the first baker's shop in Cobden. In 1867 he went to Charleston, where he was married. While there he was a member of the Buller County Council. From Charleston he removed to Brunton, of which place he had the honor of being first Mayor. About nineteen years ago Mr. McParland came to Wellington, and entered into business as baker and general storekeeper, a business which he left eight years ago to take over the Hotel Cecil. He always displayed a lively interest in matters concerned with the West Coast, and when a West Coasters' Association was formed he became one of its chief officers. The deceased was captain of one of the first volunteer corps formed on the West Coast, and was one of the oldest appointed Justices of the Peace. The late Mr. McParland took a keen interest in Catholic affairs, and was always to the fore when Church matters were concerned. During his last illness he was attended by the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M. He leaves a widow, two sons (Mr. Frank McParland and Mr. James McParland), and three daughters—Mrs. Pender (wife of Mr. Arthur Pender); Mrs. Aldridge (wife of Mr. Aldridge, late Inspector of Factories), and Mrs. Dwyer (wife of Mr. J. Dwyer, of the Club Hotel), who have the sympathy of a large number of friends.—R.I.P.

MRS. DANIEL BARRY, GISBORNE.

(From a correspondent.)

The death of Mrs. Daniel Barry, which occurred at Gisborne on July 20, occasioned the keenest sorrow to a wide circle of friends, particularly throughout the Catholic community of the district, especially as it had been fervently hoped that the deceased lady had succeeded in passing through the worst of a trying illness. Her untimely demise, therefore, came as a painful shock. The late Mrs. Barry was the second daughter of Mr. Richard O'Rourke, of 'Argyll,' Tikonino, Hawke's Bay, and sister of Mrs. J. J. Martin and Mrs. Philip Sheridan, of Gisborne. During her illness she was attended by the Rev. Father Lane, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. The remains were taken to the church on Thursday afternoon, and at 9 o'clock next morning a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Lane, at the conclusion of which the 'Dead March' was played. The funeral to the Makaraka Cemetery was very largely attended, members of the Hibernian Society, of which Mr. Barry is a member, acted as pall-bearers. Very great sympathy is felt for Mr. Barry and his four little children in the great loss they have sustained.—R.I.P.

On July 22 the Rev. Bro. Patrick Joseph Evans died in the St. Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage, South Melbourne. The deceased was one of the first who joined the Order of the Christian Brothers. He labored unostentatiously for 36 years amongst the orphans in South Melbourne. The deceased Brother was a native of Tipperary, Ireland. He came to Australia in 1869, and joined the Order in 1875.

'You probably noticed the references of the speakers of the July 12 meetings to the *Ne Temere*?' his Eminence Cardinal Moran was asked the other day by a *Daily Telegraph* representative. 'Can you, or do you care to, say anything further regarding the decree?' 'All I have to say,' and a merry twinkle caused the Cardinal's eyes to glisten, 'is that our Protestant friends have learned more Latin during the controversy than they ever knew before. Only one thing I would like to add, and that is that I wish they could pronounce the title of the decree properly. I understand many of them call it "*No Temere*." Now, let them pronounce it correctly, "*Ne Teme-re*," and—I give them no more information about it.' Whereat the Cardinal laughed heartily, and for the time being had finished with the Orangemen.