

less enunciation and heart-piercing pathos the scene from King John between little Prince Arthur and Hubert; she also sang very sweetly, while her husband, whose martial bass had been heard to advantage at Benediction, now sang a trumpet-toned song.

Monday was spent in looking over the town of St. Thomas, which is situated 96 miles south of Winnipeg, has a population of about 700, and is remarkable for the number of its rich men, conspicuous among whom are the O'Connors, Catholics of course. Mr. Archie O'Connor and his wife were in deep affliction that day, for their bright and sturdy nine-year-old boy, Archie also, who had been baptized by Bishop Conmy, brother of Judge Conmy of Pembina, when he visited this country nine years ago, was between life and death with peritonitis. Father Arsenault, assisted by Father Drummond, anointed the brave little lad and prayed with him in two special visits.

Father Lee, of Oakwood, came in on a visit; so did two Sisters of St. Joseph, belonging to the Fargo hospital, Sisters Gerard and Anselm, who are on a begging tour. Fathers McDonald and Lee left by the six o'clock train for Grafton.

In the evening Fathers Arsenault and Drummond called on Mr., Mrs. and Miss Bisailon.

The next morning Father Arsenault accompanied Father Drummond on his return as far as Bathgate.

## Persons and Facts

Mrs. Monchamp and Miss Monchamp left last Tuesday for British Columbia. They intend to be absent about one month.

The Liverpool "Catholic Times" of August 27 publishes a letter from the Rev. Father Parry, S.J., Vice-President of St. Francis Xavier's College, Liverpool, in which he refers to the successes of that institution at the Oxford Local Examinations, pointing out that the local non-Catholic competing colleges, such as the Liverpool Institute, which had been taken over by the Municipality, and Liverpool College, are far behind the record of St. Francis Xavier's. Father Parry suggests that a determined effort should be made during the coming year to secure for Catholic boys a fair share of the scholarships offered by the Liverpool City Council.

In a letter to the Catholics of his diocese of St. Paul, Minnesota, Archbishop Ireland announces that he has decided to erect a new cathedral in that city. The work will begin next spring, and the cost will be at least a million dollars. "In 1850," says his Grace, "the diocese consisted of its bishop, Joseph Cretin, two priests, and a few hundred Catholics. Since then it has given of its territory to five other dioceses, each bearing rich harvests of spiritual work in the service of God and of souls; and itself honored as an archdiocese, has to-day its two hundred and seventy priests, its two hundred churches, its many flourishing institutions of learning and of charity, its Catholic population of two hundred and thirty thousand—figures that at best are only the inadequate outward marks of its opulent wealth of inward life."

Rev. Arthur P. Loxley, an Anglican clergyman of St. Ninian's, Whitby, England, writes to the "Church Times," saying he wishes Anglicans had something of an "entente cordiale" with the Church of France and that something were done to show their indignation at the persecution to which she is being subjected. He suggests that the Bishops of the Church of England should write a letter of true brotherly sympathy to the French Bishops.

In responding to the toast of his health at a luncheon to which he was entertained by the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare and a large number of priests who were sojourning at Lisdoonvarna during his stay in that well-known health resort, the Most Rev. Dr. Ryan Archbishop of Philadelphia, paid a warm tribute to the young Irish girls residing in America. They were he said, examples to those among whom they lived, of Irish purity, Irish honesty, and Irish loyalty to God, and had been, as he well knew, after fifty-three years' experience, the means used by the Almighty, for some of the most valuable conversions to Catholicity which had taken place throughout the American Continent. Their example had had deep and effective results. They were beginning to see in America the great Conservative influence of the Catholic Church. They now acknowledged that Catholics were right on the subject of matrimonial divorce, and with regard

to another divorce, that of religion from education, they were beginning to see that Catholics were also right. They noticed how in Ireland and in American Ireland, where education was combined with religion, and influenced by the fear of God that religion inspired, crimes were few, and the law observed.

The collection made in aid of the Welsh Revolt Fund against the English Education Act realized four shillings and sixpence (\$1.08) in one of the largest Calvinistic Methodist churches in Bangor, North Wales!

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bawlf, Miss Bawlf, Mr. E. J. Bawlf and Mrs. McIntyre left on Monday night by the Great Northern Railway to attend the marriage of Mr. W. R. Bawlf to Miss Ada Roe, daughter of Mr. Samuel Roe, of Hudson, Wis. The wedding took place on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 9.30 a.m. in St. Patrick's church, Hudson. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bawlf left for Portland, Oregon, where they will visit the exhibition, returning via Vancouver and Banff. The family party will spend a week in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The marriage is announced of Mr. Henri Bourassa, M.P. for Labelle, Que., to Miss Josephine Papineau, of Ste. Adele, Terrebonne county.

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flowers, the essential points of history and doctrine, and gives them to us in such presentable shape and with authority, so that we may, as we do with the honey, make them our own with pleasure and profit, and be able to give reasons for our faith in the mystery of the altar.

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