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IRELAND, JOHN R. C.

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John Ireland, R. C. archbishop,, born in Burnchurch, Kilkenny county, Ireland, September 11, 1838, came with his parents to the United States in 1849, and to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1852; studied in France, 1853 to 1861, when he returned to St. Paul and was ordained priest. During a part of the civil war he served as Chaplain of the Fifth Minnesota Regiment. In 1869 he organized the first total abstinence society in this state. He was consecrated bishop in 1875; was very active in promoting immigration to the state, developing Catholic communities, and establishing St. John's University; has been archbishop of St. Paul since 1888; an eloquent lecturer, and author of "The Church and modern Society, Lectures and Addresses," two volume , 1896 and 1904.

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