

Conference at Barrie.

On Wednesday, the 8th instant, his Grace Archbishop Walsh, having on the previous day dedicated the beautiful new church at Phelpston, held the usual quarterly Conference at the Deanery in Barrie. There was nearly a full attendance of the Priests of the Deanery.

The subjects for the Conference were the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans and the Tracts "De Penitentia" in Dogmatic and Moral Theology. On the Epistle of St. Paul Father Hogan gave a scholarly dissertation explaining its meaning and the reasons which had led the Apostle to write it.

As to the rest, where some hours' toil might have been expected the Archbishop, by stripping the affair of all technicalities, converted the Conference into an entertainment, by which all were pleased, instructed and edified. Though much fatigue had been endured the previous day, it was no "blue Monday" for those who attended the Conference.

The Archbishop commented at length on the office of the Confessor as Father, Doctor, Physician and Judge explaining his points as he went along by very apt illustrations. Archbishop Walsh is known generally to the people of Canada as a preacher of distinction.

The best talents of the Archbishop are probably in his powers of conversation.

I have heard what were considered his best and most powerful sermons, but I think they were inferior to what I have heard from him as thrown off, almost without thought, in conversation. I have heard him amongst the Priests, and without any effort, in a few moments concentrate the substance, of a most abstruse, important and learned work, which he had perhaps been lately reading. This power of concentration is admirable, as it is rare.

It is sometimes said that deep thinkers cannot keep pace with those shallow talkers whose thoughts lie on the surface. It has been wittingly said that the tongue, like the race horse, runs the faster the less weight it carries; but certain it is that a profound thought, no matter how gracefully, pleasantly, or wittingly uttered, cannot emanate whence such thought has not been conceived. Our Conference was an illustration.

Though the Archbishop has made a reputation as a theologian, a preacher and a scholar, I think that as a conversationalist who can make a conference useful, edifying and instructive, he has few if any equals.

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Wedding in High Life.

Miss Louise Lawlor, second daughter of the late Dr. Lawlor, is to be married to Baron Fritz de Bosclayer Eggermuhlen on the 11th April at Hanover. Cards of invitation to the wedding have been received by several Torontonians. The Baron is a very devout Catholic, and was an intimate friend of the late Emperor Frederic, and belongs to one of the oldest and best families of Germany.

Irish Journalist Club.

A meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year was held in one of the parlors of the Roscin prior to the banquet. The election was unanimous in each case, and the following result was reached:—President, Mr. Patrick F. Cronin; Vice-President, Mr. John A. Cowan; Secretary, Mr. Chas. T. Long; Treasurer, Mr. J. Cassidy.

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