

ditions and dissensions that divide the world to-day. He looked upon the faithful gathered before him as representing the whole Dominion and on their devotion and fidelity as expressing the devotion and fidelity of the Catholics of Canada. It was a manifest proof of the faith of Canadian people and an example to the whole world. He exhorted Catholics to profess their faith, to be proud of it, to practice it on all occasions, for by holding a living faith, they would better themselves, they would also promote the well-being of Catholicity, of country, of society, and in doing so, would certainly contribute to the up-lifting of humanity in general.

Mgr. Sbarretti was born at Monte Franco, in Central Italy, and comes of an illustrious family. His uncle, Cardinal Sbarretti, died a few years ago. When a young man, Mgr. Sbarretti was appointed professor of ethics in the University of the Propaganda: his students are now all over the world some of them being in Canada. He was at the same time secretary of the Congregation of the Propaganda for American affairs and later on discharged similar duties in regard to the Oriental affairs of the Church. On account of his erudition and increased legal attainments as well as his fitness otherwise, he was appointed consultor to the Apostolic delegation at Washington shortly after its institution and in that capacity aided both Mgr. Satolli and Mgr. Martinelli. At a critical juncture in the affairs of Cuba following the Spanish war, he was selected by the Holy Father as Bishop of Havana. It was a position hedged around with difficulties but Bishop Sbarretti extricated himself with admirable success. He worked in conjunction with Governor-General Wood and adjusted most satisfactorily the new conditions of the Church to the government of the island. He was Bishop of Havana for twenty months and soon conciliated in the affection and esteem of all classes. Returning to Washington he was named by the Holy See, titular Archbishop of Ephesus. On the transfer of Mgr. Falconio, he was chosen to succeed as Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

