



OUR APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

WE give our readers this month an excellent portrait of His Excellency Mgr. Diomedeo Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to Canada. This distinguished prelate was born in 1842, at Pescocostanza in, Abruzzo, Italy, and entered the Order of St. Francis at the age of eighteen. After a brilliant course of studies, under the direction of learned members of his Order, he was, in 1865, sent to the United States. The following year he was raised to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Doctor Timon, Bishop of Buffalo.

In July, 1866, he was appointed to the vice-presidency of St. Bonaventure's College at Alleghany, N. Y., filling, at the same time, the chair of philosophy. He became successively secretary of the Franciscan province of the Immaculate Conception, professor of theology, and president of the seminary and college. In 1871, he was transferred to Newfoundland to assist Mgr. Corfagnini, O. S. F., Bishop of Harbor Grace.

In these various offices Mgr. Falconio gained the good will and esteem of all who had dealings with him, and several years ago when he revisited America after a long sojourn in Europe, he was the object of touching and sympathetic demonstrations on the part of his former spiritual children.

From 1883 to 1892 Mgr. Falconio gave his services to his Order as provincial of one of the Franciscan provinces in Italy. During this term of office he opened a novitiate,