



OUR ARCHBISHOP-ELECT

MOST REV. JOHN M. FARLEY D. D.

ADORATOR.

THE appointment of Rt. Rev. John M. Farley to the exalted position of Archbishop of New York is a fact that will be welcomed by all who know him. The general respect in which he is held in the community, and the thirty yaars in which he has been closely identified with the affairs of the church in the city of New York, warrant the prediction that if he is spared to preside over the destinies of the great diocese for a long period of time his career, as Archbishop, will be as brilliant as that of any of his illustrious predecessors.

Time and circumstances were never more favorable to the church in the United States than they are to-day. People of all creeds have been brought to a better understanding of the church, and the result is that the bigotry and prejudice, with which the bishops and clergy of the past had to contend are fast dying out. Pastors are able to devote themselves, unhampered by the old difficulties, to the deepening of the spiritual life of the souls committed to their charge, and the advancement of Catholic education.

This better condition of affairs, which nothing but time could effect will tend to prepare the way for Archbishop Farley to put into execution the plans which his long experience and practical thinking convince him will mean the progress of the church in New York and the general uplifting of the people to the high plane of moral and spiritual life to which the Catholic faith aspires.

For years the great Archdiocese has been a successful experiment station in missionary, educational and