

party in power to consider Catholic interests. The Cuban civil marriage law which, according to General Wood's statement, was not to be repealed until autumn, has already been repealed. But that is only one of a dozen similar grievances."

In its issue of Sept. 8 our esteemed contemporary, the Freeman's Journal of New York, under the caption of the "Death of a Great Man," said that "His Eminence Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli was killed in a railroad accident which occurred on the night of August 12 near Castel Giubileo." In the same number the Journal says in its Roman news that Cardinal Vannutelli was present on Aug. 19 at a reception to His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. Our venerable Cardinal Protector still lives in spite of the newspapers, and we hope for a long time to be enabled to say *Ad multos annos!*

Amongst the guests of the Hospice of Mount Carmel at Niagara Falls during the past month it was our pleasure and privilege to briefly entertain that eminent Passionist, Very Reverend Aloysius M. Blakely, Vicar-General of Nicopolis, in Bulgaria. Our readers who enjoy Father Blakely's interesting notes in this magazine will, we are sure, be delighted to learn that much more of the same good reading is in store for them. For the past six years Father Blakely has labored amongst the Bulgarians, and from his own lips we have heard of the almost incredible hardships and difficulties endured by the self-sacrificing priests and religious who have borne the heats and burdens of the day in this difficult portion of the Lord's vineyard. Till now almost insurmountable opposition and persecution confronted the zealous

missionary. Now that Bulgaria has forced herself from under the yoke of the "unspeakable" Turk, things look more promising for a good harvest of souls. Unfortunately pecuniary help is urgently needed by the missionary before any advance can be made. Here is a great opportunity for zealous Catholics in America to give substantial aid towards the grand work of spreading the faith. We are sure that Father Blakely will everywhere meet with a hearty and generous response in his laudable efforts to collect means to further the Catholic cause in benighted Bulgaria.

At the Second Plenary Synod just closed at Maynooth, the Irish Carmelites were represented by their Provincial, Very Rev. A. E. Farrington, D.D. O.C.C.

Some of our readers complain of receiving this magazine in bad condition; others say the address on the wrapper is erased or changed. We regret all this, but assure our friends the offenders are to be found outside of Niagara Falls. We have laid complaints before the postal authorities, and will continue to use every effort to remedy matters, and begging our readers to be patient with us in the meantime.

From Our Mail Bag.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Sept. 15, 1900.

The Carmelite Fathers, Niagara Falls:

Enclosed find one dollar for my subscription. Please credit same. I consider your "reminder" an excellent method for reminding forgetful readers who never think that a paper ought to be paid the same as anything else. As a non-Catholic and an ardent reader of your Review, I can thank you, as I have neglected to send you the money, but shall do so in future, and will say further that every Catholic ought to read Catholic literature, as it brings great blessings not only to their homes, but to their souls, and enlightens them in the sacred religion they possess. Wishing you all success in your holy labor, I am respectfully C. B.