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Apostolic Vicariate of Nyanza Septentrional. (Uganda.)



TRIALS. The Vicariate of Septentrional Nyanza has this year suffered several severe losses.

The first was that of two of our best Missionaries, Frs. Bresson and Dubrulle, both of whom seemed to have still a long time to give to the service of souls. They have been called by the Master to eternal repose. May the holy name of God bless them!

Another great loss was in the person of one of the first Christians of Uganda, Matthew Kisulé. It seems only proper to give some details regarding this good man.

Following the persecution of 1886, which gave to the Church a beautiful band of negro martyrs, Matthew showed a behavior worthy of all praise. Here are the terms in which Mgr. Livinhac spoke of him in a letter to Mgr. Lavigerie.

« Matthew Kisulé, chief armorer to the king, is able to visit us without too much danger. The only workman skilled in his art, he is necessary to Mwanga, and as the spies of His Majesty know this, they do not dare to lay their hands upon him. Thus he comes and goes freely, and lets no Sunday pass without praying in the chapel of the Mission.»

« The King is not ignorant of his attachment to our holy religion, and to intimidate him, often says, « I know that you pray, and I am going to kill you or at least have your ears cut off » One day, when he had received encouragement of this nature, Matthew said to me, laughing : « Do