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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."—From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.

THE YELLOW FEVER AND ITS LESSONS.

Every mail, until very recently, reaching us from the neighbouring Republic, has brought more startling tidings of the frightful ravages which the Yellow Fever scourge has been making in three of the fairest States of the American Union.

A sad and ghastly picture has been disclosed to our view which we in these Provinces can but faintly realize. In the space of but a few short weeks, nearly seven thousand lives have been hurriedly taken away. Not only here and there has a family lost a father, or mother, or child, but whole families have been carried off within a few hours, and whole communities swept away, in many cases with none to nurse or care for them while living, and no one to bur, them when dead.

But amidst all the terrible horrors of the plague Christianity, as might have been anticipated, has great reason to rejoice, both in the peaceful and joyous deaths of many of the victims, and in the hearty and spontaneous and munificent offerings of the faithful in more

highly favored regions. And especially has our sister Church in the United States cause to be sorrowfully proud of the heroic and Christlike courage and devotion shown by many of her priests and religious women.

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Elsewhere we print a couple of paragraphs from the New York Churchman, which, in few words, point out the glorious work done, and make mention of some of the martyred lives which have been offered upon the sacred altar of duty, in willing and humble imitation of, and obedience to their Master and Great Exemplar, Jesus Christ.

The call has been nobly responded to by Christians of all names; but the Church, in particular, has added to her former triumphs by the heroic and voluntary martyrdom of so many of her children.

It is not possible for man to explain the inscrutable Providences of Almighty God; they are hidden in the Divine purposes, and cannot be fully understood by finite beings; but it will not be going beyond proper bounds if we point out that these visitations,—for visita-