



GENERAL INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER, 1891.

THE MISSIONS OF INDO-CHINA.

Named by Leo XIII with his special blessing, and given to His Eminence the Cardinal Prefect of the Propaganda—the Protector of the Holy League of the Sacred Heart—for recommendation to the prayers of all the Associates.

THE Holy Father asks the prayers of the Holy League this month in behalf of another mission of rich promise, but sorely tried by persecutions. It is also one of the missions for which the united prayers of the associates have already ascended to the throne of grace. Thirty years ago the *Messenger* lifted up its voice to implore the prayers of the Apostleship for Indo-China. "It was impossible to find in the sufferings of the first martyrs more atrocious torments than those employed to vanquish the constancy of our Tonquin brethren. Tu-Duc is a match for Diocletian. Let us pray for this persecuted church and its martyrs, that they may persevere to the last in their glorious confession of faith. Let us pray for their persecutors, that they may open their eyes to the testimony for the truth borne by the blood which they spill."