



## GENERAL INTENTION FOR OCTOBER, 1891.

*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 MADAGASCAR MISSION.

**O**UR young geographers, though just back to school from vacation, could tell us without difficulty what and where Madagascar is. It is an immense island lying off the south eastern coast of Africa, equal to Quebec, much larger than all Ontario, and six times the size of Ireland, with a population of about five millions—more than the Dominion of Canada according to the late census.

In 1875, a holy bishop was leaving the island after a visitation of three months, and, addressing the faithful of the capital, he said: "In sight of this large city given up entirely to heresy and paganism, you may feel discouraged on account of your fewness, but when St. Peter of old entered mighty Rome, the capital of the universe with its millions of inhabitants, he was alone and surrounded with the idols of paganism; yet a few years after ward a Christian apologist was able to say with pride to