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## GENERAL INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER.

### CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN THE FAR EAST.

Persecutions are again the order of the day in China. Ever and anon, after a lull of short duration, they break forth with new fury against the Catholic missions. Scarcely has peace been restored to one portion of God's heritage within the confines of the vast empire than the troubles begin elsewhere, and Christian blood is spilt and martyrs' crowns are won.

Four hundred millions of people are cramped for room even within the immense provinces of the Celestial Empire, and the excess of the overflowing population is pouring into the neighboring countries, especially into those lying to the south and west. This influx means additional strength for the heathen element in Further India, Cochin China and Tonkin, and is looked upon with anxiety by the flourishing missions of these latter countries.