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### THE COMING JUBILEE.

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*General Intention for December named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope.*

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THE year which is about to end has been a memorable one for the Eternal City. Rome, the fountain head of Catholicity and the home of the Vicar of Christ, has, during the past twelve months, admitted within its walls, many hundred thousand pilgrims, drawn thither from all parts of the world, to share in the indulgences which our holy Mother the Church has been lavishing so abundantly during this year of Jubilee.

But this is nothing new in the world's history. Ever since the first proclamation of the Jubilee indulgence was made by Boniface VIII., in 1300, Rome has been the goal of those who desired to profit by the extraordinary privileges of the *Anno Santo*: and Leo XIII., the sixty-fifth successor of Boniface, was only recalling a well-known fact when he wrote last year: "The custom, sanctioned by the authority of Sovereign Pontiffs, of selecting Rome as the chief place for the solemn celebration of the Holy Year, is