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REPARATION.

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

IT was when the note of discord sounded in Eden for the first time that Reparation became a living thing in the moral world. The blessed work of atonement for sin began the moment Adam passed out through the gates of his paradise, and it continued, in varying intensity, down through the ages of the Law and the Prophets, appeasing the anger of God by sacrifices and other propitiatory offerings. But the sacrifices of the Mosaic dispensation could not suffice; something greater was required. The great Victim of atonement, promised from the beginning, came, at last, after four thousand years of waiting, and the hopes of the nations revived. It was reserved for Jesus Christ, the spotless Victim and the atoning Sacrifice, to make complete reparation for the sins of men.

To grasp the full import of the mystery of the Incarnation in its relation with atonement for sin, we should have to form an adequate concept of the greatness of God Him-