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UNION BETWEEN THE FREE AND UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

To the Editor of the Canadian United Presbyterian Magazine.

SIR,—I fear that you and your readers (if readers there shall be) when you get a glance of the above title, may be ready to exclaim "*Ohe ! jam satis.*"* I have a thought or two, however, which I should like to communicate ; and if you will oblige me with access to your pages, I promise to be brief, and also to strive against everything calculated to produce irritation, which I am anxious to see allayed on both sides.

Looking at the question of union from the United Presbyterian side, there are several things which naturally claim attention. Some of these have already been subjected to discussion, such as the deed of the Free Church Synod appointing the Committee, and Mr. Ure's Letter. The Speeches delivered by the more influential ministers of the Free Church, at last meeting of Synod, are also a very considerable element in the case. It is to be regretted, that of these speeches little is to be learnt, save in the way of vague rumour, which may be doing them injustice. A Toronto newspaper, which reported the other proceedings of the Synod pretty fully, promised to give also a report of the speeches in question, at some convenient time, which it is to be feared will never arrive. But I cannot help thinking that there is one thing more vitally important than any of these, namely the deed of the Free Church Synod respecting the Confession of Faith, to which your correspondent *Irenicus* adverted in your No. for March, p. 67.

* Shortly before going to press, we received, from "A Canadian Presbyterian," a communication, consisting chiefly of queries founded on the paper, in our last, by W. R. A., to whom we have transmitted the article ; and hope it may appear, along with his answers, in our next.—Ed.