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EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

DURING the last five months we have heard from a representative of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and Congregational Churches, touching Christian Unity. We thank them cordially for their valuable aid in this department of our journalistic effort.

And now it is in order to ask, what conclusions have they reached? Are they all of the same mind? If so, and if they express correctly the dominant sentiment of the bodies to which they belong, a very comprehensive union may be looked for shortly in Canada. We have to qualify any such expectation, however, by two or three significant facts. It is proper to state that we have not secured an expression of opinion from any one belonging to the old historic Church of England. We invited a distinguished minister or "priest" of that communion to lead off in our Symposium, and he at first expressed a desire to do so, but afterwards found it necessary to recede from this position. We were then favored with the contribution of Bishop Ussher as representing the Reformed branch of the Episcopal family. We regret that important doctrinal statements in his discussion had to be omitted for want of space, a remark which applies also to Mr. Fleck's paper. In estimating the practical value of the opinions advanced we must further bear in mind the fact that the writers were in no sense authorized to speak for their respective denominations. Even were our five chosen men able to agree in all things—