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Editorials.

QUITE recently there was an informal assembly in Toronto of ministers—Congregationalist, Presbyterian and Methodist—to discuss the very important question of Church union. Their unanimity on the subject is only a sign of the times. A liberal spirit is, we believe, taking possession of the people, so that as a result the petty trivialities which in most cases separate the denominations are being seen to be trivialities, while, on the other hand, it is being clearly recognized that all can unite on what is essential in Christianity. They are beginning to realize that all are fighting the same foes, the selfishness of man, the low ideals which he follows, the materialistic and sordid spirit which is only too prevalent.

The advantages which would accrue from Church union are almost too obvious to require mention. The various organizations now necessary to carry on the work of the various denominations could be united, increas-

ing their efficiency and diminishing the expense and the wasted energy. The opening of new fields would be done judiciously, without any ill-placed rivalry, preventing overlapping and crowding. Some small communities have three or four ministers, some of whom could be easily spared for districts which have none. And besides all this, in all movements for the betterment of our social or political life, the strength of such a combined and united force as the church could then command would be one of the most powerful agencies.

This proposed union would also have a very wholesome effect on the people. The prejudices which sometimes exist between members of different denominations would be obliterated. A more accurate knowledge of each other and the effect of co-operation towards a common end would cause mutual respect to take the place of mutual distrust, and hostility to change to warm friendship.

This "consummation devoutly to be wished" will not be achieved in a day, and many who are now students will in the future be called on to take an active part in the matter of church union. They will not, we are sure, prove unworthy of the training received here, but will approach the question in a spirit of toleration and sympathy towards others, a spirit which should be characteristic of every university, and which we believe to be thoroughly characteristic of Queen's.

It has long been a deep-rooted conviction with those who have at any time served on the staff of the JOURNAL that they are entitled to