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THE EASTERN CHURCHES.

Last year the great Eucharistic Congress held its sessions in Jerusalem. It was in every way a brilliant and imposing gathering, and among the subjects which constantly came to the front was that of the reunion of the Churches. As its members, now dispersed in their homes in every land, have borne with them the reminiscence of what was brought forward so persistently during the sitting of the Congress anent the Churches of the East, and the possibility of their being once more grafted on the parent tree, the centre of Catholic unity, it is the opportune time to bend our thoughts and direct our prayers to the solving of this momentous question.

The reunion of the Churches is indeed the question of the hour. The religious press in the East as well as in the West has taken it up. Even diplomacy, far from