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ABSTRACT: This paper will review the text and reception of *Unitatis Redintegratio* (*UR*) from an Anglican perspective. Using published and unpublished contemporary sources, it will highlight the low expectations Anglicans had of any significant ecumenical change at the beginning of the Council. It will show how many of the fears of Anglican observers were reduced or removed altogether by the evolution of the text. It will then review the content of *UR*, and confirming aspects which encouraged Anglicans, and at the same time limitations in the text which were partially confounded by the actions subsequently taken by the Roman Catholic Church, including the establishment of the Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue. The paper concludes that *UR* is a text whose lasting contribution to ecumenism lies as much in the Roman Catholic Church's actual practice as in the text itself, and therefore in its reception history.