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## Editorials.

THE CONFERENCE.

THIS year the Alumni Conference was particularly good. The addresses were carefully prepared and the discussions following were exceedingly keen and spirited. The enthusiasm evinced by all concerned was the chief characteristic of the whole week. The union of Science, Philosophy and Theology in these Conferences makes them very broad, very vital and at the same time very stimu-With Professors Watson, Shortt and Dyde on the programme, it is not difficult to understand why men unhesitatingly assert that the Queen's Conference is far in advance of anything of its kind in Canada in point of breadth, interest, and helpfulness. Visitors wonder at the free interchange of opinions and at the free intermingling of the various departments in these conferences; but to us it would be more surprising if this were not so. The utmost liberality and freedom of

thought so universally prevails about these halls that any narrowness or bigotry would be intolerable.

The Conference and the Endowment.

At the Conference luncheon one day two hours were spent in discussing the Half - Million Dollar Endowment Scheme. The Principal reported that he had visited several Presbyteries in Ontario and had been most cordially received by all. Resolutions were passed, expressing sympathy and a willingness to co-operate in the undertaking, which news was received most gladly by the members of the Conference, 'Several others expressed their views of the enterprise and were almost unanimous in the opinion that the money was available if the Committee would "go after it"-but that it must be gone after with considerable zeal, if any success was to attend their efforts.

The JOURNAL is very glad to learn that so much enthusiasm is being manifested throughout the Church and among the friends of Queen's. As regards the plans for raising this endowment we presume they are mainly two, namely: To let the Principal continue to work in a general sort of way, appealing to the liberality of individuals and to the wisdom of the Church, and allow the direct work of securing the subscriitpons to be done by volunteers; or, on the other hand, to engage the services of some firstclass man who would devote his whole time to this work, as Dr. Campbell did to the Century Fund. The latter we believe would be altogether the better method. "Everybody's business is nobody's business," and what everybody has equal right to do is never done. We would prefer to see one