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Editorials.

THE ALUMNI CONFERENCE.

THE Alumni Conference with its lectures on special subjects and its discussion of theological and church questions is one of the most valuable extra-curriculum institutions of the University. It is of especial importance to those of its members who are engaged in church work and in contact with the problems which lie within its field of discussion. To students further, the conference is of great significance for the range of subjects included in its programme is wide enough to appeal to men in all departments of the University.

One of the most obviously valuable features of the conference is the series of lectures, including those under the Chancellor's Lectureship, given by men who are specialists in their fields of labor, and who are capable of directing the thought of the members along new lines. At the basis of the value of this side of the programme is the varied list of subjects chosen and the liberty of speech allowed those dealing with them.

The programme this year was one of the most attractive arranged by a conference committee. It included a series of lectures by Dr. A. P. Knight, and single addresses by President Falconer, of Toronto University, Dr. Andrew Macphail, of Montreal, Dr. Bonar, of Ottawa, Dr. A. H. A. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, Professors Skelton and MacClement, and a number of prominent members of the ministry.

The subjects discussed carried the members into the diverse fields of economics, literature, sociology, theology, natural science and physiology. In this fact lies the value of the conference. It is anything except a series of meetings where cut and dried opinions are expressed and discussed, the chaff threshed again. Its lectures are, as a rule, stimulating and suggestive, free from platitude, their thought unconfined and not shaped for any school or emasculated to suit tender ears. This, too, is ideal procedure for an organization that would be alive to the possibilities of free interchange of opinion. The members of the Alumni Conference should return to work with new zest, stimulated to attack old problems again, and blaze new trails of achievement. The name of Wallace should be a popular and compelling one in conference circles.