

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

I. Connexional Institutions.

These are such as are vested in the entire Church, and are under the direct control of the General Conference. They are Victoria University, Toronto ; Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.P. ; Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal ; Albert College, Belleville ; Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas ; and Wesley College, Winnipeg. Their connexional character was affirmed at the union Conference of 1883, when it was resolved that the Colleges of the uniting Churches should have the same relation to the Methodist Church as they previously had to their respective Churches. Reports for the past year have been received from these several institutions, as follows :

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY, Toronto, was founded by the Methodist Church, in Cobourg, the corner-stone of the building being laid in 1832. In 1835 it was opened for students, as Upper Canada Academy, the Rev. M. Richey, M.A., being principal. In 1836 a Royal Charter was granted by His late Majesty King William IV. In 1841 the institution was changed to Victoria College, with university powers granted by the Provincial Parliament, the Rev. E. Ryerson, D.D., being the first president. In 1884, Albert University, Belleville, was consolidated with Victoria, and the name again changed to "Victoria University." Under the Federation Act of 1887, Victoria University was federated with the University of Toronto in 1890, and removed to Toronto in 1892. It has