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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF CANADA.

No factor in national prosperity is more important than the education of the people. We have, therefore, pleasure in presenting a succinct account of the leading educational institutions of Canada. In a connexional magazine like this, it will be only natural to give especial prominence to the institutions of our own Church, as in them our readers will be more interested. It is a matter of honest denominational pride that the first chartered University in Ontario was our own University of Victoria College. It originated in a resolution prepared by a committee of nine persons, reported to the Conference of the Methodist Church held at Kingston in 1830, and unanimously adopted by that body. Amongst the members of the Committee were the Revs. John Ryerson, William Case, Franklin Metcalf, Dr. Egerton Ryerson, and Dr. Green. Measures were immediately adopted to canvass the country and raise funds for the erection of a seminary of learning for both sexes. After diligent inquiry and mature deliberation a beautiful site in the picturesque and healthy town of Cobourg was chosen for the location, and on June 6th, 1832, the corner-stone of "Upper Canada Academy" was laid by the late Dr. Gilchrist, of Colborne. Of the persons employed by the Conference to raise pecuniary aid, the late Rev. John Beatty was probably the most conspicuous for his indefatigable labours in the then sparsely settled portions of the Province. The Rev. Dr. Ryerson also took an active part by