

with this Society are in a languishing state, but others are prospering. The London Branch "is doing exceedingly well," and has "distributed more copies of the Scriptures during the past winter" than in any previous season. May they prove an antidote to the evils which have prevailed in that district.

The Peterboro' Society appears to have been more than usually successful, and the communications from that quarter are highly encouraging.

The Toronto Society has sustained a serious loss in the removal of the Rev. Dr. Harris, one of its Vice-Presidents, and for several years a zealous and consistent friend of the Institution.

His Excellency Sir George Arthur, the Lieutenant Governor, has consented "with expressions of cordial approbation of the objects of this Society," to become its patron.

AN OLD WOMAN AND HER CONSCIENCE.

The following anecdote was related by one of the speakers (the Rev. R. Newton, for the accuracy of which he vouched), at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Auxiliary Missionary Society, held at Liverpool:—A poor, but pious widow, placed in charge of a lighthouse on the southern coast, had resolved to devote the receipts of one day in the year, during the visiting season, to the missionary cause. On one of these days a lady in widow's weeds, and a little girl in deep mourning, came to see the lighthouse. The lady left behind her a sovereign. The unusually large gratuity immediately caused a conflict in the breast of the poor woman, as to whether she was absolutely bound to appropriate the whole to the missionary-box or not. At length she compromised by putting in half-a-crown. But conscience would not let her rest. She went to bed, but could not sleep. She rose, took back the half-crown, and put in the sovereign, returned to bed, and slept comfortably. A few days afterwards, to her great surprise, she received a double letter, franked; and on opening it, she was not more astonished than delighted to find £20 from the widow lady, and £5 from the little girl in deep mourning. And who were that lady and that little girl? No

other than her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, and our present youthful Sovereign.

INCREASE OF CHRISTIANS.

The following table exhibits the progressive increase of Christians, from the first age to the present time:—

Age.	
1st.	500,000
2d.	2,000,000
3d.	5,000,000
4th.	10,000,000
5th.	15,000,000
6th.	20,000,000
7th.	25,000,000
8th.	30,000,000
9th.	40,000,000
10th.	50,000,000
11th.	70,000,000
12th.	80,000,000
13th.	75,000,000
14th.	80,000,000
15th.	100,000,000
16th.	125,000,000
17th.	185,000,000
18th.	250,000,000
19th.	260,000,000

OBITUARY.

Our preceding number gave an account of the last hours of a promising young brother, E. Whipple, to whose services in the cause of the Redeemer, we were looking forward with fond anticipation. We have now to record the death of his sister, Mrs. Jane Radford, on the 11th of July, at Brooklyn, to which city she removed from Montreal a few years since for the benefit of her health. It was a pleasing feature in their history—they were both added to the church in this city at the same time, and so short an interval of their union with the church of the first-born in heaven. The change of residence appeared to be of material advantage to her; her disorder, which was consumption of the lungs, seemed to yield to its influence; and a few days before her death she was so far revived as to be able to visit a friend, and even contemplated a journey to this city, to see her father and brother residing here. But her course was suddenly cut short; and a widowed husband and babe have to mourn the loss. May the God of all grace impart the comfort and support they need, to all her surviving friends. While we sympathize with them under their loss, we would exhort them to reflect upon her eternal "gain."