

looking towards the new year, the other towards the old; February, named by Romulus from Februa, the mother of Mars; March, from Mars, the god of war; April, from *Aperio*, a Latin word signifying to open the ear or blossom; May, from Maia, the mother of Mercury; June from Juno, the wife of Jupiter; July was named by Mark Antony, in honour of Julius Caesar, a celebrated Roman; August, from Augustus Caesar, a Roman emperor; September, from *Septem*, the seventh month of the Roman year; October, from *Octo*, the

eighth month; November, from *Novem*, the ninth month; December, from *Decem*, the tenth month of the Roman year.

The Romans commenced their year in March, and consequently December would be the tenth month; but we commence the year in January, and then December will be the twelfth or last month in the year. September, October, and November, instead of being the seventh, eighth, and ninth months, will become the ninth, tenth, and eleventh.—*Christian Penny Mag.*



## OBITUARY.

MISS CHARLOTTE THERESA GRIFFIN,  
of Waterdown.

DIED—In the village of Waterdown, on the 29th of October, 1853, Miss Charlotte Theresa, second daughter of Absalom Griffin, Esq., aged 17 years 2 months and 13 days.

Our dear young sister, whose early demise it becomes our mournful duty to record was the child of many prayers, and of many privileges, as both her parents, and grand parents, as well as most of her nearest relatives have been for years amongst the firmest and most estimable members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

I am informed that from early childhood, Charlotte was remarkable for the seriousness of her deportment—taking little delight in those amusements common to persons of her age, but preferring the society of the aged and pious. At about the age of 12 years she united with the Church, tho' she did not obtain a clear evidence of pardon till she sought and found it at a protracted meeting in the winter of 1851.

She loved the ordinances of God's house, which she assisted to enliven by her melodious voice. For many years she was connected with the Sunday school, either as a scholar or teacher,