

this unsatisfactory state of things, it is very cheering to know of the great and unwearied service which the Woman's Auxiliary has rendered to the cause of Church of England Missions. The zeal of the Auxiliaries in the parishes has been unabated for years; and their practical system of dealing with the calls made upon them has lightened the labours, and cheered the hearts, of the isolated missionaries in the North-Western portion of our Dominion.

6. LESSONS WHICH THE CENSUS OF THE PROVINCE
TEACH US.

Time will not permit that I should deal with other practical questions, touching the condition and progress of our Church; but I would fain call your attention to what I regard as the serious lesson which the religious census of this Province teaches us.

I have first selected the census returns for the period intervening between the appointment of Bishop Strachan and the meeting of the first tentative Synod of 1851, showing the result of the Bishop's active supervision of the diocese during the first decade of his episcopate.

The census returns, which I give of this period, refer to the years 1839 and 1850, as follows:

	1839.	1850.	Increase
Population of the Province	400,346	803,493	403,147
Church of England population	79,754	182,623	102,839
Presbyterian "	78,383	161,016	82,633
Methodist "	61,038	147,758	86,720

In this case, the adherents of the Church of England more than doubled their numbers in Upper Canada, by 23,115; the Presbyterians by 4,250, and the Methodists by 25,582, in 1850.

The census returns, which follow, cover a period