

often unwittingly sets up a higher, purer action in that of his fellow creatures than he would by the most anxious effort to set everybody's watch by his own. —*Frazer's Magazine.*

At the New York Sabbath School Convention the following figures were presented by the Rev. Dr. Wise:—Ten years ago, out of 604,113 scholars, there were 16,775 conversions, or about two and six-tenths per cent. Last year, out of 914,587 scholars, there were 25,122 conversions, or about two and seven-tenths per cent.—showing scarcely any increase in ratio in ten years. The number of conversions during the decade was 184,429. The average of Sunday School life of the scholars is from five to fifteen years. During the last decade we have lost 775,457 scholars. Have they gone into our Church? No! The net increase of Church membership in the last ten years is 133,828; deaths, 130,000; so that to supply the increase in membership and vacancies by death required only 263,828. Now allowing (which is too liberal) that all this number came from the Sabbath School, we have yet 511,629 scholars, or 66 per cent., still unaccounted for. The Dr. thought the reason of this loss was that teachers fail to press small children into the kingdom of heaven.

O b i t u a r y .

REV. J. FORSYTH.

Died, at Waterville, L. C., on Friday, the 28th Sept, last, Rev. Joseph Forsyth, aged 69 years. The funeral took place on the 30th. After sermon by Rev. A. Duff of Sherbrooke, the remains were conveyed to West Hatley, and were deposited in the burying ground connected with that place of worship.

The subject of this notice was born on the 14th of May, 1797, at Wisbach, Cumberland, England. Blest with a pious mother, he was led early in life to devote himself to God and his service. In 1813, at about the age of sixteen, he united with the Methodist Church, and almost immediately after began to call sinners to repentance. The next seven years he spent mostly in his native shire, employed as what is called a local preacher; in 1822 he was ordained to the full work of the ministry, and for the next twelve years was successively at Hildsworth, Lynn, Peterhead, Dunbar, Penrith, Isle of Man, Cleckheaton, Pately Bridge, Delph, and Gateshead. In all these places he was universally beloved, and his work successful. In 1828, at Penrith, he became acquainted with and married the beloved partner, who now mourns his loss.

In 1834, a difficulty occurring with the Methodists concerning the Eternal Sonship of Christ, he voluntarily retired from that connection from conscientious motives, and joined the Methodist New Connexion. For a period of three years he was still stationed at Gateshead, beloved by all the inhabitants of the surrounding country, where he laboured incessantly, often beyond his strength, sometimes preaching fourteen sermons in a week; he always preached three on the Lord's day, and many times every day of the week beside.

In 1838 one of the principal members of the Church was convicted of perjury which the Conference justified, in consequence of which he again retired and joined the Wesleyan Association; he was then stationed at Newcastle, where he remained till 1841, when a new sorrow presented itself. One of the principal trustees of the chapel became bankrupt and the minister was requested to make his house a hiding place for some valuable plate; this of course was refused, and the consequence was, he had a month's notice to leave the church. From that time till 1848 he passed through many trials, though still at times engaged in his Master's work. In the above mentioned year he came to America and spent two years in Boston and New York. In 1850 he was invited to take charge of the Presbyterian Church at White Plains, New York, where he remained till 1853; in that year he came to Canada, but his affections still clung to the Church of his youth in which he commenced his ministry, and in 1854, he was induced to rejoin the Methodists. He commenced his labours in his new position at Wallaceburg,