

writing to, the careless, inquirers, candidates for membership, absentees, the sick, the mourning, and many others.

V. Sociality and Hospitality, as shown—1. In visiting fellow-worshippers. 2. In inviting them to your own homes. 3. Assisting in Public Social Meetings, in various forms.

VI. Psalmody,—Aiding in the Service of Song, in Sabbath Services, in the Sunday Schools, at Prayer Meetings, and Social Gatherings.

VII. Christian Literature,—Promoting the circulation, by gift, loan, or obtaining subscriptions, of Periodicals, Books and Tracts.

VIII. The Sisterhood, or Female Membership, in the forms of—1. Female Prayer Meeting. 2. Mothers' Meeting. 3. Ladies' Aid, including Work and Collection for the Poor, Church Purposes, Missions, &c. 4. Personal Ministration to the Sick and Poor. 5. Visitation, especially of new-comers.

IX. Benevolent Contributions,—especially in collecting for stated objects receiving aid.

X. Temperance,—Recovering of the fallen ; prevention of evil.

#### MODE OF ENLISTMENT.

Immediately after the preaching of the sermon, a circular was issued to every member, explaining the plan, and accompanied by two copies of a printed schedule, containing the several departments of work above enumerated, with a request that each would mark those in which he or she would be willing to engage, and return one copy to the pastor by the following Sabbath, retaining the other for private reference. There were also added two other questions, one to elicit the facts when some were already fully engaged in home duties, or other Christian work; and the other, to give opportunity to select any other form of service not included in the list.

The returns being received, it is designed to place each department under appropriate leadership, and to have the work done periodically reported to the church, the last feature being deemed of great importance.

This plan is not wholly original, though it has had special modifications to suit the case to which it is applied.

"Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." At present, this is but an experiment. If it succeed, our readers may hear of it again. So far, it promises well.

#### WHAT DOES "REGENERATE" IN BAPTISM MEAN ?

At the recent General Convention (triennial) of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, the following declaration was made by the Houses of Bishops, numbering some 47 members, with very few dissentients :

"We, the subscribers, Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, being asked, in order to the quieting of the consciences of sundry members of the said Church, to declare our convictions as to the meaning of the