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For the Sabbath Recorder. AMONG THE GRAVES. BY SARAH S. SOWELL. My walk among the graves...

son. Using the reason God has given us, with a sincere desire to know what is for the good of our fellow men, and honestly seeking light on the subject from his Word and his Providence...

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been already provided by the last General Conference. It ordained "that the baptized children of the church shall be organized into classes with suitable leaders (male or female), and in due time be enrolled on the list of probationers, and admitted into full membership."

yourself. You say, "The mind is regenerated at conversion, and the body at the resurrection. I understand you to use the term 'regeneration' as interchangeable with the word 'born again'..."

a Hebrew word, signifying knowledge; seraphim is another word of the same language, and signifies flame. Whence it is supposed that the cherubim are angels who excel in knowledge, and that the seraphim are angels likewise who excel in loving God."

their plans for the ensuing year. We hope this subject may have a fair hearing among them all, and some measures be taken to ascertain the success or failure of imparting our Christianity to the poor at our own doors, at least as cheaply as we give it to the Micronesians, the Burmese, and the people of Ahmednagar.

For the Sabbath Recorder. RAISING HOPS. BY THE EDITOR. The raising of hops for the general market...

1. The use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is hurtful. However some may plead and excuse for "innocent enjoyment," facts prove the practice to be on the whole most hurtful.

2. The raising of hops for the general market is hurtful and unchristian. Consider these statements and their connections:

For the Sabbath Recorder. ETERNAL LIFE--WHEN GIVEN? BY ED. R. F. COTTRELL. Dear Brother,--Yours of Feb. 14th, is before me...

For the Sabbath Recorder. FREE PEWS. There appears to be a growing disposition, on the part of many Christian communities, to do away with the pew-rent system...

A OIGAR HOUSE. A few weeks since, we were spending a day at one of the many beautiful homes that stud the shores of the East River...

Authority of the Bible--The mother of a family was married to an infidel, who made jest of religion in the presence of his own children...

For the Sabbath Recorder. CHURCH CHILDREN--REV. Dr. Stevens says that during the last eighteen years, the Methodist Sunday school conversions have surpassed the entire gains of the church membership by nearly 5,000...

1. Whatever is on the whole hurtful to mankind is therefore unchristian. The use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is hurtful. Therefore it is unchristian--that is, it is wrong.

2. To willingly aid in wrong-doing is wrong, is a sin, is unchristian. Hop raising is a willing aid to the hurtful drinking usage of society. Therefore hop raising is unchristian.

3. To dishonor Christ by pursuing any business which he does not require of us, and which is a scandal to the Christian profession, is to pursue an unchristian business. Hop raising is in the eyes of many conscientious people dishonorable to the Christian profession.

4. Whatever is of doubtful morality, is in the person doing it unchristian. Hop raising is thus doubtful. Therefore it is thus unchristian.

5. But what all doubt, is sinful in all, is in all unchristian. All (with perhaps no exceptions) evidently doubt the morality of hop raising, since they only seek to excuse it or to justify it on such grounds as might be used to justify very many other sins.

6. A good test for any business is to pray over it. Every right act, we can pray that its proper effects, its natural results, may be secured, and abundantly assured by God. That against whose natural results a heart full of wise love to men must pray, is thus demonstrated to be unchristian. Thus tested, the resolution is sustained. Try it and see.

7. The true genius of Christianity says, "Let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses." Thus far we doubtless all agree. Indeed, this has been so long settled in almost all good men in this

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DUTIES OF THE HOUR.

The history of every reform shows the value—yes, the necessity—of a spirit of self-sacrificing devotion to the work. Men must not shrink from duty for fear of being called enthusiasts.

While we, as Seventh-day Baptists, have interests and duties in common with all men, we also have duties in which the masses do not sympathize. These demand our warmest attachments and our largest contributions.

Can we not agree upon some plan, and then live up to it? A spasmodic effort at raising funds, called forth under the influence of some temporary enthusiasm, is far from being subservient to our best interests.

There are many calls upon us for assistance, from without as well as from within. These calls are usually answered in a satisfactory manner.

But there are three prominent and permanent demands for our liberal contributions which are worthy a special arrangement. We have three permanent organizations, known as "The Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society," "The American Sabbath Tract Society," and "The Seventh-day Baptist Education Society."

The first of these is devoting its energy, at present, mostly to the cause of our Home Missions. Here is a large field for the investment of men and money.

The second object which demands a more thorough and systematic support is the Sabbath Tract Cause. This has come now to include not only the publication and distribution of Tracts, but also maintaining earnest, able men, as lecturers and writers in this department of our work.

Last, but not least, is the Education Society. This lies at the foundation of all we may hope for in the future of our denomination.

amount, if an opportunity were given, and probably they would say ten instead of five. But call the month for each one five cents per month, or sixty cents per year.

In this calculation, the money contributed has been limited to the church membership. But many of our congregations are made up in some degree of those who are not members, yet would freely contribute.

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Crystal Palace at Sydenham. It is a painting of the death-bed scene of our own martyred President. Mr. Lincoln is just breathing his last with a pale face, but as calm as a sleeping infant.

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travelers there! Come to these prairies, and see what God has made in the wealth of its beauty, with no caricature of man's genius to mar it.

The following night I spent in a freight car, with a few profane, obscene companions, who interested each other with stories of robbery, murder, and low debauchery.

There has been paid on new subscriptions, three thousand two hundred and eighty-three dollars.

With the exception of a few subscribers, whom I have not yet been able to visit, notes have been taken for the balance of the new subscriptions.

Those who have donated scholarships, have either given up their certificates, or given a release; their notes, if not paid, still holding in favor of the Education Society.

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My last notes, under the head of "Allegany," gave some account of the weather up to the 23d of December, which had been quite changeable.

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parture of Rev. Mr. Trowbridge and family, and other missionaries, for the East. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Monfort, of Cincinnati, addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Spear, pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Trowbridge, Rev. Drs. Wood, Clark, and Robinson.

REVIVAL AT SHILOH. To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder: When I wrote you last, we had closed a series of meetings that had been continued with us about three weeks, and been blessed with the sanctifying influence of the Holy Ghost.

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RECONSTRUCTION. Facts are coming to light every day which indicate a growing disposition at the South to fall in with the Congressional plan of reconstruction.

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