CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Reginning Jan. 19. Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.
Toppe.—Secrets of strong lives.—Luke vil.
9-3. (A temperance meeting suggested.)

The strong life or character that is set before us in our topical reference as our model for finding the secrets of strong lives is that of John the Baptist. Hardly could a better have been chosen, particularly to apply the subject of temperance. We not only have the life of John as testimony of the nobility of his character, but we have a remarkable declaration of the Lord Himself in favor of this opinion. This is a pleasant testimony, too, from the fact that it came as a tribute to John just after he had intimated his doubt concerning Christ. In the highest terms of unmeasured confidence Christ speaks of htm, declaring that "among those that are born of women, there is not a greater prophe than John the Haptist," When Chris When Christ spoke of John in such glowing terms, we need not hesitate to take his life as a model one to illustrate the secrets of strong lives.

One secret of a strong life, as illustrated in John, is the willingness to accept privation. John lived for years in the wilderness, with nothing to gratify taste, with barely sufficient to sustain life and with only the roughest kind of dress. This privation was necessary that he might perform the ways which God had for him to do. One secret of strength is willingness to endure hardships, to suffer privation. The opposite weakness in this particular makes many weak men, particularly as a result of intem perance. Men will not suffer privation, they will not deprive themselves of that which satisfies their physical appetites, and the result is weakness, whereas they might have been strong, influential men if they had endured privation.

Another secret of strength Illustrated in John is moral courage. John had the courage of his convictions. He even denonneed the king and queen for their sins, as well as the common people Moral courage is an absolute necessity to guard against the evils of intemperance. Scarcely a boy grows to manhood without being tempted again and again to indulge in strong drink, and he must have the moral courage to refuse and to stand by his refusal, or he will fall beneath the temptation.

Another secret is willing subjection to the will of God. John did to the very best of his ability the work which God had laid out for him to do. He was faithful, even to death, to the work committed to his charge. If we follow the path that God lays out for us in life, in His way, our lives will be strong in-

Bible Readings.-Ex. xv, 1, 2; I Sam. xvii, 32-37; Ps. xviii, 1, 2; xxvii, 1; xxviii, 7, 8; xxix, 11; xlvi, 1; lxviii, 34, 35; Job xii, 13-25; Isa. xii, 2; xl, 29-31; Prov. x, 29; II Cor. xii, 9, 10; Eph. iii, 14-19; Phil. iv, 13, 14; I Pet.

Real Endeavor at Geelong.

Aggressive Christian Endeavor work is not confined to the land of the society's birth. The Yarra Street Wesleyan society in Geelong, Australia, in its fifth annual report, makes a phenomenal showing. During the year 8,218 visits were made, an average of 158 weekly; sprays and baskets of flowers to the number of 1,299 were personally distributed and sent by post; various meetings, numbering 588, were held, and more than 25,000 persons attended these; 200 persons were led to sign the temperance pledge. Although the membership of the society is only 211, more than \$500 in cash was raised.

Christian Endeaver Prayer.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ and realizing the untold blessing of fervent united prayer, we, the individual links in the World's Christian Endeavor Prayer Chain, covenant and agree to make it out practice to offer a petition, however brief, for one another and for the cause of Christian Endeavor every day. also covenant to bear in mind at the usual time of our evening devotions such causes as are brought to the attention of the Prayer Chain as objects for our united petition.—President Clark.

Money For Missionaries.

The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor society of Saltsburg, Pa., has discovered a novel way of raising missionary money. The church was in need of a sexton. so the Christian Endeavor society volunteered its services. The pastor reports that the church was never so well taken care of and the Endeavorers have applied the salary to their missionary con-

Williston Society Still Zealous.

The original Christian Endeavor society in Williston church, Portland, Me., sees no flagging in its zeal. In alterna-tion with other Portland societies it has undertaken the holding of regular services at the Greeley hospital.

Jesus Went Before. Their faces to Jerusalem,
They stepped, with laggard feet,
Half timorous, defiant half,
At what they went to meet.
But as they rested, or they talked
Their sad forebodings o'er
Still leading on the little band,
Their Master went before.

He saw in vision maddened throng.
He saw the crowded hall,
Where scribe and priest should mock
flout.
Where cruel scourge should fall.
He saw the cross. Its shadows lay
The toilsome pathway o'er.
But, pressing on with ardent soul,
The Master went before.

Today Thy pledged disciples, Lord, Meet sorrow, pain and shame, Their watchword in the trial time hair waterword in the transme.
Thine own all conquering name.
hough flesh be weak and spirit faint,
And heart be spent and sore,
hey cannot fail in any strife
While Thou shalt go before.

THE SIN EATER.

A Curious Funeral Rite Which Formerly Obtained In Wales.

The principality of Wales has within living memory possessed an official known as the "sin cater," says a London journal. It was the practice for a relative-usually a woman-to put on the breast of a deceased person a quantity of bread and cheese and beer, and the sin eater was sent for to consume them and to pronounce the overlasting rest of the departed. It was believed that in doing this he absolutely ate and appropriated to himself the sins symbolby the viands, and thereby prevented their disturbing the repose of the sinner who had committed them. Such an arrangement would obviously leave nothing to be desired on the one side, but how it worked on the other we are not told. What was supposed to be the condition of this spiritual undertaker after the coremony was concluded? Did his "appropriation" of the dead man's sins imply a sort of moral assimilation of them, answering to his phys-ical assimilation of the brend and cheese? The question would obviously be one of some importance to a sin eater in large practice. If the responsibili-ties of his profession were as great as they would appear to have been on this hypothesis, he would need to retire from it early and to devote a considerable portion of his closing years to repentance and good works.

Again, it is natural to ask what happened at the decease of a popular or 'fashionable'' sin enter. Would any one among his professional brethren undertake to eat his sins, even in the first flush of satisfaction produced by stepping into his shoes? If so, then, indeed, has the epithet of "gallant" been rightly bestowed upon little Wales. It is as though one doctor succeeding to another's practice should consent to assume the moral responsibility for his late colleague's treatment of all his deceased patients in addition to his own similar

burdens. We yield to none in admiration of the quiet and homely heroism of the medical profession, but we doubt whether it would enable them to face such an ordeal as this. As to the Welsh practitioners to whom we have compared them, we shrink from pursuing the analysis further. It is evident that, as in the schoolboy game of "conquerors," where a stone which can smash the smasher, of, say, 43 other stones takes over all its conquests, and becomes itself a "forty-fourer," so the responsibilities of these unhappy men might accumulate at an alarming rate. One hardly dares to contemplate the internal condition of the sin eater of a sin eater who had in life attended a long series of other sin eaters. The cheese would be almost converted into Welsh rabbit before he had got it down.

THE SHIP WAS AGROUND.

But the Passengers Discovered That Fact In a Roundahout Way.

It must be about ten years since I was returning to this country from New board one of the Anchor line boats. We left quite early in the morning, and were steaming down the bay in high hopes of a pleasant trip. We soon got into a thick fog, and after passing Sandy Hook at about quarter speed the ship ran aground. The majority of the passengers, however, knew nothing of our plight, for the propeller kept on churning up the water in frantic efforts to get the vessel off the mud, and the fog was so dense that very few people noticed we were not making beadway.

The captain dispatched his first officer to Sandy Hook to telegraph the position of affairs to the agents, but as the engines were still kept going no one suspected that anything unusual had occurred.

Presently the boat returned, but no questions were asked, and no one seemed to have the idea that there was any need to ask them.

Two or three hours passed, and an ocean tug came alongside out of the fog. Newsboys came on board to sell their papers, and did a good business. "Exrar! Extrar!" was their cry, and these 'extrars' contained on the front page a full and graphic account of the stranding of the very liner on which they were disposing of them!

"Great Scott!" exclaimed one man who had invested in a paper, "don't these papers know how to lie? Here's one saying now that our ship has run aground!"

"So we are, and likely to remain," answered an officer, upon which the passenger ran to the side of the vessel and looked over in order to convince himself.

spread all over the ship, but it was too spread all over the ship, but it was too much for everybody when a quarter of an hour later a stout old gentleman sprang up from his seat and yelled, "'Jerusalem! we're aground," and then ran full tilt along the deck in a fearful state of terror.—London Telegraph.

Treasurer Upton's Request.

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, as treasurer, has sent out her annual letter, reminding the members of the N. A. W. S. A. that their contributions are now due. Accompanying this letter, Mrs. Upton has sent out a printed slip which reads as follows: "Do you not know some believer in woman's political advancement who may not care to take an active part in local, state or national work, and yet who could become a mem-ber of the National American society if you asked her personally or sent her the inclosed article of the constitution? Will you not try to get one contributing member? Will not every member act on

Teacher—And what is meant by keeping the Sabbath holy?
Ethel—It means—it means to think of something you would like to do, ch, ever so much, and then not doing it cause it's funday.—Indianapolis Jour-

DEADLY SHOTS FIRED BY THE SUN. In One Instance an Innocent Man Was Sen-tenced to Be Hanged.

In a recent paper appeared an account of a strange accident in which a man was killed by the discharge of a gun while lying asleep on a lounge in his room, the weapon being discharged by reflected rays of the sun falling upon the cartridge chamber of the firearm.

Since the publication of the story a correspondent from York, Pa., writes concerning the accident and refers to a similar case, in which, through the of forts of a elever Cineinnati lawyer named G. C. Wallis, the person accused of murder and sentenced to be lianged was set at liberty, the througetantial evidence on which he was convicted being entirely exploded by a witnessed demonstration as to how the accident really occurred.

The York correspondent referred to volume 13 of The Criminal Law Magazine, page 607, on which a full account of the case appears. The case was that of the state of Tennessee against Avery, tried in Henry county, that state, and is one of the most remarkable in the history of criminal jurisprudence.

In June, 1887, Charles Ensley, consin of a man of the name of Avery, was killed in his room while lying on a lounge, about 3 o'clock in the after-The weapon which caused the death was a small rifle, sending a 32 caliber ball through Ensley's brain. No me was in the house at the time but Ensley. An empty rifle was found lying on a rack on a wall of the room in which the killing occurred, and the bullet fit-

Avery was arrested for the crime, as he was the only living close relative to Ensley, and by his death profited to the amount of about \$100,000. Avery was tried, pleaded not guilty, but was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. He appealed to the supreme court and engaged Mr. Wallis to defend him. The supreme court remanded the case back to the cir cuit court on technical errors. Two mistrials were brought about, and then came the strangest part of the story. The brilliant Wallis struck the keynote to the mystery. In August, 1891, he had the rifle loaded and hung on the wall. A white sheet with the form of a man marked on it was placed in exactly the position occupied by Ensley when lying asleep, and a heavy cut glass pitchor of water like the one found in the room was placed on the shelf above. The temperature was 90 degrees in the shade, one of the hottest days of the

The pitcher acted as a sunglass, and the hot rays of the sun shining through the water were refracted directly on the cartridge chamber of the rifle,

Eight witnesses were in the room, and a few minutes after 3 o'clock a puff and a report occurred, and the ball struck the outlined form back of the ear in the exact location where Ensley was shot, and the theory of circumstantial evidence went to pieces. The incident, being witnessed and sworn to, readily explained itself to the jury. - Cincinnati Enquirer.

HORACE AND HIS GARDEN. The Poet Loved the Country, Yet Moped When He Was There

All his life Horace had wished for a piece of land which contained a garden, a stream and a coppice, and in the Sabine valley he found all three. To take a nap after his brief meal on the grass by the stream was to him that exquisite combination of mental and physical ease which man is foolish to despise because it is an enjoyment within the reach of every other animal as well as of him-Horace clear Sabine farm and his villa at Tibur healthier than the capital, especially in the autumn, "when all fathers and mothers turn pale with fear for their children." It may be doubted if Rome was so exempt from malarial fever at that time as it is generally thought to have been. Once, when he had promised Mecenas to be away only five days, he remained at Tibur through all the month August, and he begs his "dear nd," if he would have him keep well, to let him stay yet longer, and even pass the winter out of Rome by the easide (he was probably thinking of

Tarentum). Yet was not there a spice of truth in the taunt which his servant Davus addressed to the poet, that when he had been too long in the country he moped to death? We are almost invited to suset that there was; the town was, after all, the life of his life. One may be sure, by the bye, that the worthy Davus himself hated seclusion as much as any Italian savant does today. Tibur he may have endured; there he could gossip with the servants of other villas, but at the Sabine farm with whom could be have due chiacchiere except with the steward—another martyr? By immortalizing the amusing criticism of Davus, Horace shows that he was the first to observe that "no man was a hero to his valet."-Contemporary Review.

The Successful Man.

"The successful man," said Mr. Gratebar, "is by no means helpful to himself alone. He helps a great lot of other people as well. There isn't a healthy, vigorous, energetic, self reliant, successful man whose example does not breed the same qualities in others, and personal contact with such a man is an active stimulant and direct aid to succees. He awakens in us new strength and aronses ambition. He winds us up and sets us going. See to it, my friend, that you don't run down."—New York Sun.

Rather Vindictive.

Qld Boy-How's this? I hear that you have consented to the marriage of your daughter with young Seekem. Friend (sullenly)—Yes, I had to. But never mind; just wait. I'll get even

"Eh? Will you disinherit her?"
"Worse. I'll give her a concert grand
and for a wedding present."—New
ork Weekly.

QUEER JAMAICA WAYS.

How One Woman Patied In Rome to Do

"When in Rome, do as the Romans says the old distich, but in these days of universal travel it is somewhat essary to know beforehand the manpers and customs of the native inhabitants of the countries that are visited.

"I have eaten with chopsticks with a mandarin's wife and daughter in China and sat cross legged with the Persian ladies in Teheran and smoked nar-giles," said an American woman who was nothing if not cosmopolitan, "but I never failed to adapt mysoif success fully to the enstones of the country until I reached Jamaica, in the West Indies. I had letters to one of the magnates there, and upon delivering them I received a prompt invitation to break fast and to spend the day. The hour was not mentioned, but as the people were French I supposed of course it was 12 o'clock, a la fourchette, at which time presented myself, only to find that I had been expected at 8. However, my entertainers were most hospitable, and their usual frugal luncheon of cake, wine and fruit was evidently supplemented by more substantial viands for my benefit. After luncheon I was asked if I would like to take a nap. As I had just arrived I assured my hosts that I never slept in the daytime and proceeded to make myself as agreeable as possi My entertainers endeavored to be cheerful, but there was something in the atmosphere that made me aware that I had committed a solecism, and that I had guessed rightly was very apparent in the relieved looks of the fam ily when I said that I thought I did feel tired and would be glad to repose myself a little. I was immediately con ducted to an apartment which had evidently been arranged with the expectation that I would go regularly to bed, and wishing me a good rest the lady and gentleman of the house left me for

the whole afternoon. "About 5 one of the daughters came to fetch me in a fresh toilet, looking very nice and making me feel very tumbled and untidy in consequence. Be after I had been shown the gardens, which were really levely, I began to make mes adienx. 'But you must stop to dinner,' they urged; 'we quite expect-ed you.' But I thought they had had enough of me and persisted in my refusal. I thought they parted from me rather stiffly, and in driving over the long avenue which led up to the house I met a number of smartly dressed people, who, I afterward learned, had been invited especially to meet me. So I missed it all around and gave no end of trouble and offense, all because I did not just know Jamaica habits."-New York

THE CODE OF HONOR.

Dueling as It Was In France In the Time of Richelleu.

The passion for dueling, which had cost France, it was said, between 7,000 and 8,000 lives during the 20 years of Henry IV's reign, was at its height when his son came to the throne. The conneil of Trent in 1545 had solemnly condemned the practice of single combat, impartially including principals, seconds and spectators in its penalty of excommunication. In 1602 an edict of Henry pronounced the "damnable custom of ducling introduced by the cor-ruption of the century" to be the cause of so many piteous accidents, to the extreme regret and displeasure of the king and to the irreparable damage of the state, "that we should count ourselves unworthy to hold the scepter if we delayed to repress the enormity of this

A whole series of ediets followed to the same effect, but it was easier to make edicts than to enforce them. Degradation, imprisonment, confiscation of property, loss of civil rights and death were the penalties attached to the infringement of the laws against dueling, and still the practice prevailed. In 1626 Richelieu published a milder form of prohibition. The first offense was no onger capital, a third only of the offender's property was to be confiscated, and the judges were permitted to recog-

nize extenuating circumstances.

A few months later the Comte de Bouteville thought fit to test the minister's patience in this direction. The Place Royale had long been a favorite dueling ground, and De Bouteville traveled from Brussels to fight his twenty-second duel here, in the heart of Paris, in deliberate defiance of the king's authority. The result was not encouraging. Montmorency though he was, the count went with his second to the scaf-fold, and the marked decrease from that time in the number of duels may be attributed either to the moderation used in framing the law or to the inexorable resolution with which it was enforced. -Macmillan's Magazine.

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put to the test by his new friend. In spite of Hans Christian's many merits and good qualities, his very marked psculiarities made him an exeedingly difficult person to entertain

He was extremely sentimental and emotional, and frequently, for no apparent reason, would burst into a flood of womanish tears and run away to his

A few days after his arrival he rang the bell and asked to see the eldest son of the house

The eldest son was away, and when Dickens himself went to see what his guest desired be found that Anderson wished the eldest son to shave him, that being the custom of his own country.

Dickens explained that in the first place young Charles was absent, and that, secondly, it would be an experiment fraught with danger for him to attempt the desired service, as, with the very best intentions, he would probably nearly decapitate his illustrious

Under these most untoward circumstances Hans Christian, weeping, betook himself to the nearest barber shop and had his beard attended to professionally.

A Sure Cure.

Mrs. Minks-Doctor, my husband is a terrible sufferer from insomnia, and some nights cannot sleep a wink. Can you do anything for him?

Doctor-Certainly, madam. In the first place, he must go to bed not later than 10 o'clock.

"He does that." "Very well. Walt until he appears to be in a doze, and then suddenly give him a shake and tell him it is time to go down and fix the kitchen fire. He'll turn over, give a grunt, and sleep like a log till morning. "—New York Weekly.

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A small daughter was taken to visit the Museum of Natural History the other day. "Oh, mamma," she said, upon her return, "I've been to a dead circus."



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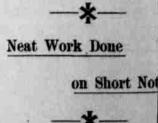
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