

EXTRAVAGANCE IN DRESS.—A recent law suit in an English court has once more drawn attention to this matter. A West-End milliner in London claimed £930 sterling for articles of dress supplied to a lady during the short space of nineteen months. This lady had also obtained other goods from other milliners during the same period. The husband resisted the claim, as he had no part in the purchase. The jury decided that the wife alone was liable: accordingly sensible husbands rejoice, extravagant wives are disconsolate, and extortionist West-End milliners are enraged.

On the above facts the *Christian Herald* makes some comments which ought to receive the serious attention of every Christian woman—and every Christian man too, for that matter. Here they are:

"If Christian wives would follow out the apostle's admonition about modest apparel, they would not consent to become dress-makers' blcks or dummies for the display of millinery; and not merely for the sake of husbands and children does it behove a lady to take heed that the cost of her dress is well within her husband's means, but also for the sake of example to inferiors. The "love" of dress is the cause of the ruin of thousands of poor girls. When a servant begins to love fine dress she is on an inclined plane which sometimes leads to the lowest depths of sorrow and shame.

The shop-girl and the domestic servant try to dress as the lady customers and their mistresses dress. Then is it not a duty for rich ladies, for the sake of poor girls to eschew extravagant fashions? Instead of obeying their milliners, who have an interest in frequent changes of style and in making the fashions costly, ladies should consult their own taste and judgment. If Christian ladies would so act, the despotic tyranny of fashion—that is, of the West-End milliners—would be weakened. There is, at the present day, a tendency to general extravagance in personal attire which it behoves every Christian to repress by precept and example."

A REMARKABLE WORK OF GRACE.—The members of the Home Mission Board were greatly cheered at the recent meeting in Woodstock, by the indications of Divine favour resting on the work in a number of the mission churches.

The quarterly report of Rev. Alexander Warren, whose field of labour includes the thriving villages of Durham and Priceville, was particularly refreshing; and very appropriately, after the Secretary had finished reading it, the meeting rose and sang the doxology. The statistical part of this report revealed the fact that

Eighty-nine persons had been baptized upon a profession of their faith in Christ! The following were the remarks of the missionary:

"In making my report for this quarter, I feel much humbled under the wonderful manifestations of God's love and power, in saving sinners amongst us, both in Durham and Priceville.

When we look back to what we were two years and six months ago, and then look at our present position, we are forcibly reminded of the language of the psalmist:

"When Zion's bondage God turned back,
As men that dream and were we."

With a continuance of the kind, fostering care of the Board which you have so timely and kindly given hitherto, I think that each of these churches will very soon become self-sustaining. There is yet quite a gleaming on the whole field, that has been reaped but not bound in the sheaf. There is also in each of the churches, a living, loving and united band of really excellent Christian workers, that will prove a great comfort and strength to a pastor. I feel it very much having to leave the most pleasant and prosperous position I ever enjoyed as a pastor; but health, together with an over-taxed mental condition, necessitates my leaving at present. Please accept thanks, brethren, for past kindnesses. Praise the Lord with me, for His wondrous loving-kindness to this field, and to His unworthy servant,

A. W."

"TRAIN UP A CHILD."—The following, which we clip from the *National Sunday School Teacher*, is worthy the attention of all parents, and those Sunday Schools who are neglecting the opportunity to train their children early in the habit of giving to the Lord's cause:

"A negro woman in the West Indies, after dropping her own gift into the missionary collection, put a coin into the hand of her two-year-old tottler, and guided it, also, to the plate. When the collector became a little impatient at the delay caused by this, she said to him: 'Hab patience, broder, I want to bring de little ting up to it.' She had just the right idea. The children must be brought up to giving to the missionary cause if they are to be generous givers to that object when they become men and women. If they are not brought up to it now, they will never come up to it then as they should. The way to reap a harvest of dollars from them, by and by is to reap a harvest of cents from them now."

THE INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSONS.—The present scheme of Bible lessons, which is in use in the vast majority of Sunday Schools all over the world, terminates with the year 1879. In some quarters the committee that prepared the scheme has met with a certain amount of criticism, but the work on the whole has given such abundant satisfaction that, at

the recent International Convention at Atlanta, Georgia, it was resolved unanimously to appoint a new lesson committee to prepare another course of Bible studies extending over another seven years. The following constitute the committee: Rev. Drs. Vincent, Newton, Hall, Randolph, Broadus, Connyngham, Palmer, Austin Phelps, Caugher, McVicar, (Montreal), Potts, (Toronto), Rev. James A. Worden, and Messrs. Gillet and B. F. Jacobs.

JARVIS ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.—The reports presented at the annual meeting of this society on the evening of the 26th ult., contain matters which will be of interest to all the readers of the *HELPER*. The very complete report of the church clerk, Bro. Edmund Burke, furnishes the following extracts:

"The continued work of grace which has been in progress for some years past still continues, and in even a more marked degree. The additions by baptism have been greater than those of any previous year." * *

"In August, our young brother George Sale, having related to the church his exercises of mind regarding his call to the gospel ministry, was cordially granted a license to preach, and soon afterwards, entered upon a course of study at the Institute at Woodstock.

"Thus, with Bro. Craig in India, brethren Speller and Suck at Woodstock, and brother Charles Cook at Surgeon's College, we have four young men, who have from boyhood's days been connected with this church, preparing for an active life of devotion to the work of the ministry. But the harvest is great and the labourers are still few."

The following paragraphs relating to the *Sunday School* work will be of especial interest to a large number of our subscribers.

"The work in connection with the Sunday School continues with unabated interest, and the teachers and officers are much encouraged by the very manifest work among the scholars of all ages. Some fifty-nine scholars have during the year been baptized, and the number who are members of the church now amounts to 146, being not far from one-fourth the entire membership of the school, and about one-fifth of the membership of the church. The number of scholars on the roll is 432 in the senior school, and 192 in the infant class, a total of 624, being an increase of 62 during the year. The number of teachers and officers is 45. Four deaths have been reported among the scholars. The great necessity of the school is still, as it has been for some years past, a good library. The amount raised in the school for missionary purposes during the year was \$338 18; of this sum \$43 45 was contributed by the Infant class