

Society's mission station at Idalyangudi. Some estimate of the character of his labors in that place may be formed from the fact that after thirty-six years, in March, 1877, when he was elevated to the episcopate, there were at this station no less than 4,000 baptized Christians. These figures, however, give an inadequate idea of the social and industrial progress of the district under his charge. At the same time as Dr. Sargent, of the C. M. S., he became Assistant Bishop to the Bishop of Madras, and was entrusted with the episcopal oversight of the S. P. G. missions in Tinnevely, embracing 618 villages, containing nearly 40,000 adherents, with 46 clergymen, most of them natives. Increasing years and infirmities led recently to his resignation.

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A recent writer tells an amusing story of the late Archbishop Tait. On one of his latest visits to a certain country house in a Scottish county, Dr. Tait went alone to the post office to send a telegram to his brother. He wrote it out: "The Archbishop of Canterbury to Sheriff Tait," and handed it in. The sceptical old postmaster read it aloud in contemptuous terms: "The Archbishop of Canterbury?" and added, "Wha may ye be that takes that cognomen?" The Archbishop, taken aback, remained silent for a moment. The postmaster, on second view, added, "Maybe ye're the gentleman himself." Tait replied modestly: "For the want of a better, I am." On which the good old Scot hastened to apologize for his first suspicion of imposture, adding: "I might have seen ye were rather consequential about the legs." Then he added words of cheer, which Tait said truly were vitally Scotch; "I have a son in London, a lad in a shop; and he gaed to hear ye preach one day, and was verra weel satisfied."

The most manifest sign of wisdom is a continual cheerfulness.

## Sunday School.

### LESSONS ON THE PARABLES.

N.B.—Only three are given for each month as one Sunday is generally reserved for a Service.

ABBREVIATIONS. We repeat these this month that Teachers may be thoroughly acquainted with them.

s. Scripture.	P parable.
k. God's Kingdom, or Church, or king.	F. figure or symbol.
o. or s. T. Old or New Testament.	G. Gospel.
h. Holy or Heaven.	e.g. for instance, i.e. that is.
cf. compare.	b. because.
wh. which.	w. with.

Special for these lessons :

S.P. S. Peter. | f. forgiveness, &c.

### 7.—The Unmerciful Servant.

S. Matt. xviii. 21-35.

*Main Lesson:* The necessity of forgiving wrongs done us.

Show how question of S.P. (from wh. this P.) arose from words of Christ (v. 15).

In suggesting seven times S.P. prob. thought he was making large allowance. Remarkable that no rule of f. in o.t. but Jewish Doctors had enjoined three times, grounding this on Amos i. 3, and Job xxxiii. 29. In fixing on seven S.P. may also have had in mind that it is number of divine law w. wh. idea of remission was linked. The seven times seven was year of Jubilee (Lev. xxv. 28). But our Lord in this answer and P. teaches there was a fundamental error in question. "When God calls on a member of His k. to f., He does not call on him to renounce a right, but he has now no right to exercise