

Dänisch-Hallesche Mission

A Letter To the Reverend Mr. Geo. Lewis, Chaplain to the Honourable the East-India-Company, at Fort St. George

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The Elder, one by one in their Order, put Questions, which the rest, with the Younger, answer, passing on from Period to Period. By this Means, through the Assistance of the Holy Spirit, they gain not only the necessary Knowledge of Christian Religion; but likewise a due Assurance in discoursing upon a Subject. This Hour, on *Sundays* and *Fridays*, is set apart for the Repetition of those sacred Truths, which they heard at Church by the *Missionary*; which is likewise done by way of *Questions* and *Answers*.

II. *The Order of the Second Malabarick School; consisting of Twenty one younger Boys, with one Master.*

From Six a Clock till Seven,

TH E S E Boys go to another *Missionary*, to be taught and examined in the *Catechism*, which is expounded to them with a due Simplicity, and much Plainness.

From Seven to Eight,

They repeat the Lessons they were taught the Day before.

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From Eight to Ten,

They say their Lessons in order to the Master ; some are taught the Letters with their Variations, and learn to spell ; some learn to read the Hymns which are sung at Church ; some the *Catechism* with the Scripture Proofs ; and others the Book call'd, *The Method of Salvation*. Then the Master sets them new Lessons to be said in the Afternoon, between Four and Six.

From Ten to Twelve,

The Master teaches such as cannot yet read, the principal Parts of the *Catechism*, with some *Prayers* : Others get by Heart the *Catechism*, with the Explication ; *The Method of Salvation*, and the Proofs from the *New-Testament*.

In the Afternoon ; From One to Four,

They sit on the Ground, * writing with their Fingers in Sand, which is spread on the Floor for that Purpose, the Lessons which every Child hath been taught in the Morning, chanting, with an audible Voice, the Names of the Letters or Words, as they write them.

From Four to Six,

They repeat to the Master the Lessons he had set them between *Eight* and *Ten*, and then take new ones for the next Day.

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* The common Way of teaching young Children to read in the East-Indies.

From Six till Half an Hour after Seven,

One Half of these younger Boys being at this Time at the *Catechetical Exercise* with the Elder, the other Half, who are the youngest of all, are instructed by the *Catechist* apart, in the principal Points of Christianity, contain'd in the *Method of Salvation*; and this is done in so easy a Way, that these little ones readily apprehend those first Rudiments of Christian Doctrine.

III. *The Order of the Third Malabarick School; consisting of Eleven Girls, with a Mistress.*

From Six to Seven,

THE greater Girls go to be catechiz'd by the *Missionary*, who, at this Exercise, expounds Matters of Faith to them with great Perspicuity. The little ones likewise come to the *Missionary*, who examines them in the Five principal Parts of the *Catechism*, which he explains to them at the same time. The *Catechumens* also are present at this Exercise.

From Seven to Eight,

They learn by Heart the principal Proofs out of the *New-Testament*.

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