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Janry 1.

Early in the Morning I preached in German on the 12th verse of the 90th Psalm of numbering our Days, and applying our Hearts unto Wisdom. I reckoned to the numbering of our Days 1.st the daily Consideration of our Mortality & Immortality 2.^d Looking on the Years & Days allotted us here as given us for our Education for Heaven. 3. As the Seed time, & Eternity as the Harvest, and that we not sow upon the Flesh, not cultivate the Flesh, but the Spirit, grow rich in good Works, rich in God. 4. As the Time for Labour, and Eternity as our Rest, that we work while it is Day & do good while we have time, striving to enter into eternal Rest 1. Cor: 15, 58 - 5.th As the Race that is set before us, and a happy Eternity as the Price, & that we lay off every Sin and every Weight Hebr: 12, 1. - 6.th As the Field of Battle, and Eternity the Crown, remembering that altho' we fight, yet shall we not be crowned unless we fight lawfully. 7. As the Time of Grace, & that we do not receive the Grace of God in vain 2 Cor: 6, 2. In speaking on the 2^d particular I warned against the Example of those who live at the Venture, thinking that this Life is only for eating, drinking, visiting &c. and recommended Prudence in the Affairs of this Life and of order in them; spoke of spiritual Wisdom regarding the Salvation of our Souls, that by Repentance we forsake Sin and avoid the Punishment, that by Faith in Jesus Christ we obtain Righteousness and Life, that by Prayer, Vigilance and good Works we keep a good Conscience, preserve our Peace, and prepare for Heaven. I spoke also of spiritual Wisdom regarding the Salvation of them that belong to us. This Meditation

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Meditation I preached afterwards in English, and in the Afternoon in Portuguese to a very numerous Congregation, before which I christen'd a Child. God grant that I and those that heard me this Day may thus number our Days and apply our Hearts unto Wisdom.

Janry 2. Friday. Preached to the Germans, who desired to receive the Sacrament next Sunday a preparatory Sermon on 1 Cor: 11, 28. 1. Of Self-Examination, whether we are desirous to receive the Sacrament 1. in Obedience to a particular Command of Christ 2. for the purpose of renewing our baptismal Vow in a most solemn manner 3. to celebrate the Memorial of his Redemption by his Sufferings and Death, & to give actual Proof of our Faith in his Passion and Death. 4. to confess Christ before Men. 5. to confirm our Faith, Love and Fidelity in a peculiar manner, and in a higher Degree, than can be effected by other spiritual Exercises. 6. to strengthen our Hope of our Resurrection to eternal Life. II. of Confession "before God according to Dan: 9, 4-19. Ezra 9, 5-15. Neh: 9, to David, Publican Zacchaeus, &c. 2. Before Men, if there are such Cases as require it. 3. Before the Minister, that he may be assured of our worthy Condition, after which I put the usual Questions to them which they answer with Yes. In the Afternoon I had a catechetical Lecture in my House, after which I distributed among the Poor the usual monthly Alms.

Janry 3. Buried one of our poor Widows, which I had visited in her Sickness several times.

Janry 4. Sunday. After the German divine Service I administered the Sacrament

Sacrament to all the Germans that are in Nagapatnam, excepting an old Gentleman, who found himself too weak to come to Church, and therefore received it on

Janry 5. Monday in his own House. In the Afternoon I began my Portuguese Lectures preparatory to the Sacrament.

Janry 8. Thursday. Preached as usual in the Malabar Church on Matth: 2, 1. ¹ Ica of the Faith, Trial, Comfort Danger, & Deliverance of the wise Men. Their Faith began at the Appearance of the miraculous Star, it was raised by the Word of Prophecy, it was confirmed by the re-appearance of the Star, and its pointing out a place where the Child Jesus was. Thus were the Apostles and other primitive Christians roused by Miracles, raised by the Word, confirmed in their Faith by Experience, by Trials and Comforts, by Dangers and Deliverances. This Afternoon being the last catechetical Lecture preparatory to the Sacrament, I spoke ² to the Persons that will be admitted for the first time ¹ in particular.

Janry 10. Saturday. The whole before Noon was employed in receiving Visits from People, who desired to receive the holy Sacrament. ~~as~~ Most of my time in this Week has been employed in receiving Visits of this kind or visiting those that merely sent their Names. In the Evening we had Portuguese divine Service in the great Church, at which I publicly examined the 22 young People that desired to be admitted to the Sacrament and preached a preparatory Sermon to a great Croud of People, who were all much pleased, moved and edified.

Janry 11. Sunday. The whole Congregation was assembled before I enter'd the Church. The solemn Silence, that subsisted in the Church so crowded had a surprizing effect upon me; regardless of my Meditation, I preached extempore on the Divine Pre-
-sence & the Effect the Sense of it has on the human Mind, and administer'd the Holy Sacrament to many above a hundred who seemed to be affected and lifted up in the same manner as I was. In the Afternoon we met again in the same frame of Mind, as it seemed, to thank God for the Blessings received and to confirm ourselves in our good Resolutions. The Remembrance of this Day will be of some Comfort to me in any future evil Day. When I came home I was agreeably surprized by seeing all the young People, who had received the Sacrament for the first time, assembled in my House to give me thanks for the Trouble I had taken in preparing them for the Blessings of this Day.

Janry 12. Monday. Began this Day to instruct those People, who wish to receive Baptism before I leave Nagapatnam.

Janry 13. Tuesday. Peter Rhayappen arrived from Tranquebar, who is going to visit the Southern Congregations. I gave him a Letter of Introduction to Col. Martin at Ramnadaburam.

Janry 14. Wednesday. I was called to a young Dutch Woman to comfort her in her Sickness. I repeated my last Sundays Sermon & prayed. Before I left her I put to her these two Questions 1. What is your Hope in case the Lord should take you out of the World by this Sickness? 2 What is your Resolution & Purpose in case God should restore you to

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to your Health? To the first she answer'd, that she was prepared, and willing to die; that she had in the 18 Years of her Life often sinned, that she could count her Hair but not her Sins; but that she hoped for Pardon. To the second she declared, that she had before her Sickness made a Resolution to dedicate herself to the Service of Jesus Christ all the Days of her Life.

Janry 15. Thursday. Preached in the Morning at the Malabar Church a Sermon, preparatory to the Lord's Supper. A great Number of Portuguese and Dutch People that understand Malabar joined in the Malabar Congregation. In the Afternoon my catechetical Lecture being ended, there came a number of People to me to speak in private. I am sorry that I am obliged to leave this Congregation, of which so many convince me that I have not preached to them in vain.

Janry 16. Friday. After the catechetical Lecture in my House I had again many private Conferences as yesterday.

Janry 17. Saturday. The whole Morning was spent in private Conferences and in the Evening I preached in the Malabar Church a Sermon preparatory to the Sacrament and examined publicly some People that desire to be admitted.

Janry 18. Sunday. I administered the Sacrament in the Malabar Church to 34 Malabars and just as many Portuguese and Dutch that understand Malabar, and did not think themselves sufficiently prepared last Sunday.

Janry 19. Monday. My Desire of continuing here not only the Charity School, but also the monthly Allowance to poor Widows made me think of a Subscription. And every body to whom I proposed my Thought encouraged it.

Janry 20. Tuesday. Wrote the Subscription Paper in English and Portuguese and

and began to send it round.

Janry 22. Thursday. Preached in the Malabar Church after the Catechist had read Matth: 3, and Rom: 6, 3. 4. of Christ's Baptism as a Prefiguration of, and Obligation, to his Death and Resurrection and of our Baptism as a Change from Sin to Grace; as an Obligation to the Mortification of Sin, and to a new Life as a Passage from Shame to Glory, from Death to Life. After Sermon I examined the Catechumens and christened a few Children, including 30 People of several different Nations, of some of which I have given an Account in my last Letters.

Janry 25. Sunday. In the Afternoon I preached my farewell Sermon on Apocal: 3, 11. of what this Congregation has, and what they ought to keep; and of the two Reasons why they ought to keep what they have viz: because Christ says behold I come quickly, and because we have Enemies who may deprive us of our Crown. In the Application I told them in what manner and by what means public Divine Service and private Instructions would be kept up among them and exhorted to attend them: and how and by what means the usual Charities would be continued, and exhorted the Poor to an holy and unblameable Life, and thereby to prevent the Subscribers from growing weary in Well-doing. The whole Congregation was in Tears, and very much affected, altho' I endeavoured to prevent it on my own Account, ^{that my own feelings might not take away my speech,} by avoiding all affecting Expressions.

Janry 27. Tuesday. Early in the Morning I left Nagapatnam leaving

-ing my family with my female Boarders behind me.
At Karical a pleasant Conference with the principal
Malabar Inhabitants of the Place was broke off by the
French Customers, who insisted upon opening my Trunk,
after they had attended our Conference for a short while.
In the Evening I arrived at Tranquebar at the time
that the Missionaries were meeting for their weekly hour
of Prayer, in which I joined.

Janry 28. Wednesday. I had throughout the whole Day Visits from
the Malabar Christians; and some of the German Inha-
bitants desired me to preach to them a Sermon in
German in private. Upon my proposal they procured
me an Invitation from the Danish Clergyman to
preach for them in their Church next Sunday in Ger-
man.

Janry 29. Thursday. This Morning was spent in taking part in
the Ceremony of conducting General Abestee and his
young family to the Beach, whose Departure from
Tranquebar for Europe was an affecting Scene.

Janry 30. Friday. Attended the weekly Conference of the Mission-
aries, wrote Letters, paid Visits.

Febr'y 1. Sunday preached in German at the Danish Church.

Febr'y 2. Monday. I set out for Buddalore.

Febr'y 3. Tuesday. Met Brother Swartz in his Return from
Madras at Siarhy.

Febr'y 4. Wednesday. at Chelamborum, where on a former Jour-
ney several People got Medicines from me, many
came to me for Remedies against their bodily Ailments.
They told me, that all those People to whom I had
given