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out for one among the Heathens, and he will bring at least her to Church if not more of her Family. They wished to know the Difference between Lutherans and Calvinists, & whether they believed of each other that they would be saved. They desired to know whether or no I held the Doctrine that Roman Catholics cannot be saved. Upon this last Request I explained the words of our Savior, who believeth and is baptized shall be saved &c. and said: I believe, that the Name neither saves nor condemns, but that Christ saves and that Sin condemns. I believe that those who expect their Salvation from Christ, and therefore reject what he forbids and does what he commands will be saved. This is what I preach to Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Heathens and to Muhammedans too, whenever an Opportunity offers. I wish with all my Heart that names were abolished, but as long as they exist, I believe it is charitable to wish that all Roman Catholics were turned Protestants, and that they would strictly adhere to the Word of God. They were pleased with my Answer, and we retired.

Febry 11. Wednesday. At Noon I was at Candappa Moodelias Choultry and in the Evening came to Dury Choultry, but had the whole Day no proper Opportunity of talking to any one excepting to a travelling man, who upon asking him, whether he had a family, said, I have an old Mother, who remained alive, when all my other Relations died. You have then no Duty to perform to any other near Relation, but to an old Mother, said I, and explained

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to him the 5th Commandment; and having done this, I explained to him the rest, as I was walking with him in the Way.

Febr'y 12. Thursday. After Morning Prayer with my People, I sent Manoel back to Cuddalore. Came against Noon to Co^m-mitty Choultry, and in the Evening to Alamparui. The People with whom I attempted to talk, either began to beg Alms, or said, they had no time. To one of them I said: if you have no time to hear me, you will find time to read this, and gave him a Book, which he hastily took and went away.

Febr'y 13. Friday. Having passed a broad Creek at Lingaredty Choultry I met with some People who heard me for a long while with Pleasure. At Noon I arrived at Nerian^{dah} Chetty Choultry, much fatigued, having been obliged to come round another Creek, which at this time was not fordable, with the Wind upon my back, which always hurts me. I wished for some Rest, but the Choultry was so full of noisy People of all sorts, that as soon as the greatest Heat was over, I hastened away and came in the Evening to Sadras, where I was well received by the Dutch Chief, and stayed untill Monday Morning, visiting the Families here, and preaching to them a Portuguese Ser^{mon}.

Febr'y 14. Monday. Arrived at Noon at Tiruporei^{ur} where I found a Palanquin, which a friend had sent me from Ma^d-dras for my Convenience, in which I came before Night by Way of Naveloor to Mootikharer Choultry.

Febr'y 17. Tuesday. Came early to St Thome and spent the Day at
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