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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^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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Doctor Duffins. There was to-day a Meeting of the Directresses of the female Asylum. When Mrs Duffin, who is one of the Directresses came Home, Mrs Davidson, the President came along with her to tell me, that by the unanimous Consent of 12 Directresses a Letter had been wrote to the Governors of the Institution, ^{requesting of them} to engage me to take Charge of this Charity, and to request, that I would not decline it. I told my friends my ^{Business} at Vepery, and how far I might venture to engage in any more Labour. I told them at once that if it was required of me to live at the Asylum I could not accept of the Charge.

Febry 20. Friday. Received Letters from Mr Pasche of the 5th of 88. and from D. Gaskin of the 21st of that Month which both gave me great Concern on account of some Difficulties, which they still find in my general Mission Accounts.

Febry 21st. Saturday. In the Afternoon I went to the Hospital, near the northern Gate of the Black Town, where a number of sick People are fed, that remain of those, who were maintained there during the late War and famine by Subscription, upon the Desire of an old heathen Woman, whose Children are Christians, and who has been before dissuaded from Christianity by her Relations, but is now desirous of dying a Christian, and hath for this end desired the Catechist of Thorukhupottai to instruct her. I appointed a Day for this Service, when her Christian Children shall be present. Whilst I was talking to her, there came several other sick People about me desiring