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they find in their books, let it be never so absurd and contradictory. Some times they will make a plain and open confession, that the interlocution may come to an end, and that they may get rid of him, who talks to them, and I remember an instance, when on one of their solemn days a malabar man at the door of a Pagode spoke in a scornfull way of the idols to a Missionary, and that very moment entered the Pagode to make his adorations. If in such a case they are asked, why they do not embrace the truth, which they pretend to allow as truth; they will say, that every body must go his own way, and that God has revealed himself several ways to several nations and Tribes. I have asked them sometimes how they can have such an opinion of the Deity, as being partial, and willingly keeping some nations or Tribes in wrong way. If by Gods beneficence of nature they could not conclude, that he was ready to impart his favours to all without distinction, seeing that the Sun did not shine and the rain did not fall upon such a town, street or house only, but that without distinction these benefits were given to all.

31. The above mentioned Roman Catholic boy, Francisco de Souza, was dismissed because he shewed a great dislike to learn, was always sickly and scabby infecting the others, and his mother continually desired to have him home again.

## June

I had resolved to discharge the malabar Catechist, Arulappen, but finding that he had not yet an other employ, I promised him half a Pagoda a month for some while, and that he should be with me on Sundays, and attend on other days only when I should call him, but that he should look out for his livelihood somewhere else.

10. From Easter to Whitsunday I have declared in my Sermons the history of Christs manifesting himself after his resurrection and of his ascension. To day I treated of the effusion of the holy Ghost according to the 2<sup>d</sup> chapter of the Acts.
17. For two or three days I had pains and inflammation of the eyes, which increased so to day, that I was obliged to keep myself in a dark room, and could not preach a sermon. upon the application of proper remedies I was better in few days afterwards.
24. Having formerly in Mr. Sartorius's life time begun to preach on the main articles of christian religion, I reassumed this, and preached to day upon the doctrine of God and his glorious attributes. At the end of this month I dismissed the European, whom I had employed as an Accomptant and Surveyor of the building, because there was no more business for him.