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Months, that there was no produce of the ~~the~~ trees, and therefore I offered the ground and garden to sale, after I had taken away all the brickwork and several trees, which I transplanted into the new ground. After some while I came to an agreement with a Malabar man for 30 Pag. which sum was added to the cash.

16. I received 100 Pag. more by bill of exchange, of the money designed for the use of the Cuddalore Mission.

25. Several weeks since I had considered earnestly the circumstances of my business, and it gave me a very deep impression to find that there were so few of the inhabitants, who entertained an acquaintance with me, though I had endeavoured several ways to be known to them, and had invited many. I therefore resolved, that as soon as the rain ceased a little, I would go two or three times a week in the evening through the streets and public places of Cuddalore and the adjacent places within the limits of Fort St. Davids, taking an opportunity to address myself in a proper way to people, whom I should meet, wishing heartily to God, that he would bless my endeavours and designs. Amongst other things I was encouraged to do so, because I found myself advancing more and more in the language, so that I could venture out and talk even to a Company of people. Accordingly I took this afternoon the old man, who instructs me in the language, with me, and as formerly I went to all the schools, I visited now their Pagodes. Coming to one, that was a building now, and enquiring for several things, which they were a doing, I asked them at last, if it was not more reasonable, and more truly charitable to spend money for the benefit of the poor, than for such buildings which were really of no necessity or use. They answered in the usual way; that in this they followed the example and precepts of their ancestors, who had ~~taught~~ taught them, that those things were agreeable to their Gods, and that they, who bestowed money on such purposes would be blessed and rewarded. I expressed calmly and in a few words my disapprobation and left them.

In my Sunday Sermons I have this month I have treated of the doctrine of the Angels.