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must not take our Religion to be only a System of external Rites and Ceremonies different from the ways of those who do not profess Christianity but that its excellency consisted chiefly in this that the happiness of our Soul and even eternal life - was promised to us. ^{Only} that excited by these valuable promises, we ought to take care, that in our lives and actions - we might be found as such who not only believe and profess, but really - endeavour and strive to obtain these blessings, in the way prescribed by our Gracious God. *S*

After the Sermon which was held in the Portuguese language, - holy Baptism was administered to three Children, in the Dutch language, - This being done I set it out again that same day in the afternoon & came home at night. *S*

26 - A Gentleman in this place offered us to take a Bill of Exchange for 200 Pagod: to be paid to his Correspondent at Madras and to be Repayed by him here? *S*

In the Sermons of this month, the doctrine of Regeneration was continued and concluded. *S*

October

2 - Gueist ended to day the cursory explanation of the Catechism and the 3 began to explain the remaining Scripture Sentences, which the Children have learned by heart. *S*

5 - According to our ~~own~~ Resolution in the last general Conference we had this morning our first special Conference from 10 to 11 of the Clock, designed for our mutual Edification, We begun the History of the Gospel in such a method and order as the Harmony of the four Evangelists requires. *S*

8 - Kiern: having with divine assistance made a tolerable Progress in the Portuguese language, begun to day instructing and catechizing the Children. *S*

10 - We received the remainder of our Money from Madras.

12 - This Sunday in the afternoon the first book of Samuel was begun. We are resolved to pick out only the most eminent parts of the History, and such as are proper to the Capacity of the Children.

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