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As we have no ground yet for a burying place,
we asked the opinion of a Gentleman at Fort St
David about it, and he advised to ask the Govern-
ment leave for the use of the English burying ground
in Tridalore. Upon an Application to his worship, it
was granted immediately. we had some thoughts of
looking out for a piece of ground, to have our own
burying ground, but we found reasons afterwards to
defer it yet.

25. A boy was taken into the Portuguese School
27. A little child of one our Proselytes lately christe-
ned, dyed, and was buried in the English burying ground.

In the Chaldean Congregation the Sermons have been
upon the doctrine of baptism and the Lords Supper. In
the Portuguese Sermons we go on with the first Epistle
to the Corinthians. Gu: found himself capable to preach
three times this month in the Portuguese language
but was obliged to leave off again the season being
very hot & heavy.

May

1. Another of the Catechumens, a grown man was christened

to day, which would have been done last Sunday, if he had not been called to see some of his sick relations without the English limits.

8. The matrimony betwixt two of our profelytes was solemnized after the banas had been published thrice.

9. The Son of the washerman, mentioned on April the 9th was taken into the Malabarian School.

11. A boy and

17. a girl were taken into the Portuguese School.

18. Our Malabarian School has hitherto gone on in such a manner, that the greatest number of the Children, betwixt 30 & 40, are heathen and few of them Christians. It was thought in the beginning, that this School might serve as a means to be acquainted with the Parents of the Children in order to bring them over to christian children or that at least we might succeed with the Schoolmaster who is likewise a heathen. But we find now the contrary by experience, and begin to believe, that not only charges and pains are useless that way, but that this greater number of heathenish Children is an impediment that our christian