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Gospels, which have been harmonically explained and proved
now to the history contained in the Acts of the Apostles.

Gu: has continued in the Portuguese Sermons upon the 2^d
Epistle to the Corinthians, and

R. has explained the 1 and 11^d Psalm of David, in the Ma-
labarian Sermons

August

1. A Girl was taken into the Portuguese School.
5. In the Pogoda at Tringapore, R. disputed first with the
Pardaram and some Bramans, and afterwards with some Genters
that live in that Town. I asked the Bramans several questions
about their Wedam and especially who was the author of it,
if, and in what manner, it did shew the way to eternal
happiness? They gave me no answer to any one of my que-
stions, but told that there were some other Bramans, who
were not present now, they would know to answer it all.
Then as the Genters, and other inhabitants came to the
halls could not answer my questions, I myself would tell
them the truth about their wedam, viz: that it was
not a law that God almighty had given, but commendments
of men, and further that it was quite contrary to the will
of God, but very agreeable to the will of the Devil, whose
pleasure it was that men should not know the true
God but walk in the dark &c. I enlarged further upon

B.

the absurdity of their way of worshipping, upon the wicked
lives of the Bramans themselves, which all would know.
Afterwards I turned myself to the Rectors and the other
People that were about me, and asked them if they did
not think it wrong to trust and depend intirely on the
words of such wicked and ignorant men, and if this was
not so, as their own Proverb Says, which translated, runs
thus: It is so, as if one blind man sheweth the other
a Staff, pretending to lead and guide him. Then the
Bramans could not suffer this speech any longer, but
went away and left me and the other people in the
Pagoda. When the Bramans were gone, the Rectors de-
sired me to tell them what was the true way to Happiness,
and how they must walk that way? *Q.* To know the only true
God, and whom he had sent in the World, Jesus Christ *Q.* For
the better understanding of this, I told them the History
of the creation of man, his State of innocence, his Fall
in Sin, and of the Redeemer of men Jesus Christ *Q.* And
that this was the way to happiness according to the will
of God, that you now repent from your Sins and believe
in Christ. They were all attentive, and made no objection.
Therefore I concluded, saying: that this was the only
way to happiness and no other. I invited them, that
wherever they come to Cuddalore, to come and see me,

and I would then explain to them, what I now had said, more fully

24. An orphan boy was taken into the Portuguese School.

On an invitation Ju: went over to Fort St. David's to christen the daughter of a Gentleman.

25. 26. We received our Europe letters by the Heathcote Capt. Cape, which we jointly read and considered. And on

29 According to the Society's Orders Guesser resolved to prepare for his going to Madras to succeed Mr. Scholze.

31. According to our resolution in the Conference on the 22^d of this month we dismissed the heathenish malabarian School-master. Though the Christian children in the malabarian School are at present but 5 viz: two boys and three girls, (one boy and one girl having been dismissed for some time since) yet we are glad that there is once such a beginning, and hope by Divine assistance that their number will be increased.

Ju: has continued in the Portuguese Lessons to preach upon the 2^d Epistle to the Corinthians, and

W in the Malabarian Lessons has begun to explain the Catechism. Mr. likewise in the Portuguese School finished the explanation of the Catechism in the Portuguese language again. As there are some children in the Portuguese School, that go on very well in learning the English language, but

others who learn the Portuguese only, it is necessary that the instructing of the Children in the Christian religion be done also in both language; which will be of a great use those Children especially, whom we design to bring up for the service of the Mission, and they will improve by reading English books, when there are made able to understand them.

September.

With the beginning of this month Ju. returned to Kaim: the Account of Receipts and Disbursements, preparing himself to set out for Madras about the middle of this month.

7. To day we forwarded to Madras our Journal and Conference for this first 6 months, together with a letter, to be sent with the Salisbury Capt. Porras, which is the only ship that saileth from Madras for Europe at this time.
11. To day Ju. took his leave with the Portuguese Sermon, on the first part of the 5th Chapter of the Second Epistle to the Corinthians which followed to be explained. He exhorted the Congregation to consider carefully of their short stay in this world and to prepare for the great change when going out of time into eternity.
13. To day early in the morning, my dear Colleague Mr. Guicher, set out for Madras, having on several days before taken his leave of the Governor & other Gentlemen in the place. I ac-