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the right application of what has been told him; yet when there is an opportunity, I don't think the time quite lost in telling the Truth, even to those, especially when there are more auditors present.

18. To day two of the Catechumens were baptized, the others have been hindered to much from coming to the instruction, so that they have not yet made such progress in the necessary knowledge as is requisite; and their business not allowing them to come to the Preparation for several weeks more, I was glad and contented for this time of adding these two persons to the Malabarian Congregation, who have come constantly to the instruction, and shew a good disposition of mind, and also have attained a fine knowledge of the Christian religion. They are both inhabitants of Cudalore, of a somewhat high cast, they get their livelihood by Gardening, one is 45, and the other 25 years of age.

19. As the little Christian children in the Malabarian School begin, now to go on pretty well in reading and writing and learning the Catechism; I added some Sentences of the Holy Scripture to be learnt by heart,

and regulated their lessons for every hour and day in the week; that every thing might go so much the more regular and better.

22. Several black merchants, of the inhabitants of Cuddalore, visited me. After having told them to what purpose I was come into this country (because one of their Company, who was come from Achee, asked for it) I proceeded to tell them how necessary it was that men should know the only true God and his will, as nobody eye could serve or please him. And further, that no man or book could better tell us these things, than the holy Scripture of which God himself is the Author, and wherein he has revealed himself and his will to us, that we accordingly might know and serve him. And that this was the best and most precious Pearl, that every Merchant ought to inquire for.

23. In Waiendoampaleiam, a little village near to Cuddalore I had this evening a good Opportunity to talk to those inhabitants, about the only Redeemer of the world, Jesus Christ, and that all other ways and means to happiness, wherein they put their confidence, was in vain. One, a washerman, seemed to be somewhat moved, and promised to come to see me.