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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.

In the Portuguese Sermons have been continued upon the second Epistle to the Corinthians, and in the Malabarian Sermons the explanation of the Catechism has been continued.

October.

1. A little boy 5 years of age, a Son of one of our Malabarian Christians was taken into the School. And
6. Another boy was taken into the Portuguese School.

As the young Schoolmaster, Thomas, goeth on pretty well with his business in the Malabarian School, so the Catechist, Ambrose, gaineth now more time to go and visit the Malabarian Christians that live in the neighbouring villages, in order to inquire for their living according to the Gospel, and to repeat the Sermons, and to give them proper instructions according to their circumstances. I have therefore regulated the business of that School between the Schoolmaster and the Catechist in such a manner, that the Schoolmasters business is, constantly to attend in the School and even at those morning and evening hours, when the Catechism or the Scripture Sentences are explained to the Children, to be present, which business, now, sometimes I myself and sometimes the Catechist Ambrose takes care of. This may also serve for the young Schoolmaster as a preparation, that he in a short time may be able to do the same.