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The Catechist is to go out twice a week, in the afternoon, to those villages within the limits, and not only to visit the new christians, but also to take all possible care for to make known to the Heathens the way of Salvation. One whole day in the week he is to spend in going out to the adjacent Towns and villages without the limits for the same purpose. (Though I do not leave this business to him alone, but as often as possible, I do the same myself :) The other time when he is free from the business of the School, he is to write or copy malabarian books &c. Besides, he is to assist me in teaching the Catechumens that come to be prepared for Baptism. And as before the receiving of the Lords Supper, it will always be necessary, for some weeks together, to prepare with the necessary instructions, those who are to be the partakers of it, and not only those who are to receive it for the first time, but also the others. So he is likewise to assist me in this business.

7. Mr Fabricius, who remaineth still at Madras, has been so kind as to forward the Box of Books and other Presents that the Society has been pleased to send out this year, which all arrived safe at Calcutta, to day.

A washerman from the village, waiandarampaleiam, with his wife and two Children desired to be instructed for baptism. he came for several days to the instruction, but afterwards told, that his old Father threatened to drive him with his Family out of the house, to excommunicate him and never to acknowledge him for his Son if he would turn a Christian. For which reason, he said, that he could not now come any more, but as soon as he Father dieth he would certainly come again. I gave him the proper admonition before he went.

8. To day arrived a box of books and medicines from Tranquebar, which the Reverend Dr. Franck has been pleased to send for the use of the Mission, with the Danish Ship. This also arrived safe and well.

10. An English Captain of a Ship, who is sailing for Mocha, desired some Arabian New Testaments to give away to some of the Arabian Merchants there, who have before earnestly desired him to bring them some. I gave him six, and he had got some before of Mr. Gualter in Madras. This Captain told that a great many of the greatest men in Mocha are very desirous for these books, and as often as he cometh there, they inquire of him, if he has not brought them some.

23. Several of the Portuguese Congregation having desired to administer the Lords Supper to them, accordingly to day a