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preparation for the same was begun, and two persons who desire this Sacrament for the first time, were also admitted to the Preparation. The same was also begun in the chatabarian language for the ~~best~~ benefit of those amongst them who desired it.

31. A chatabarian cherkand, who liveth sometimes in Porto-novo and sometimes in Cuddalore, and has visited me very often before, came this evening to see me, desiring me to tell him now more particulars of Christ our Saviour, and how to be cleansed from sin, and made on heir of eternal happiness. I gladly and readily complied with his desire, and entertained him with a discourse on the above mentioned subjects for a good while. This man has allways before shewed a good disposition of mind and that he has a great regard for the christian religion. And now he was at last so much moved, that he said: Now I make no Account of my Estate or of my Relations, I will stay with you, I never go home to hear such a resolution, but that I believed it would be very well done if he remained in his Family, and would take care to persuade his elder and younger Brother and the other relations of his, to be of the same mind and

and that it then would turn out at last to much a greater Satisfaction, when he could see not only himself, but also all his relations cleansed from Sin and happy heirs of the Kingdom of God. But if his Brethren and other relations would not hearken to such a good Advice, it would then certainly be much better to leave them than to perish eternally with them.

He answered me, that his elder Brother, who is the head of the Family, was a very hard man, that he had several times spoke to him about these ~~bad~~ things, but that he then always grew angry and would not hear anybody talk of such things, and that he had already threatened to lock him up, like a madman in a room where he never should see daylight any more. He told also, that he was therefore afraid to talk to anybody in his house about these things, and believed that his elder Brother would not only do what he had threatened, but that he would use him more cruelly in other ways, viz: he would either bring him out of the limits and burn him alive (though innocent) or he would give him Poison. He told further, that as his Elder Brother was now in Porto novo and his younger Brother here, he would talk secretly to him, and see

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how he was minded. I admonished him to do, ^{so} but in the mean time, to pray earnestly to God, who has loved all the world so that he gave his only begotten Son Jesus Christ for to be our Redeemer, that he would have mercy upon him and all his relations; enlighten their understanding and turn their hearts to their Redeemer.

I assured him, that the Divine Providence would find means to deliver him from all his fears and troubles.

This is an eminent Family amongst the natives, and is reckoned worth at least 6000 Pagodas.

In the Portuguese Sermons, the Second Epistle to the Corinthians and in the Malabar Sermons the Catechism has been continued. In the Portuguese School the Scripture Lectures have been explained in the Portuguese language.

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3. 4. 5. I had continual visits of the natives and inhabitants of this Town. The discourses went chiefly upon those points of Religion as has been mentioned before.

6. In the evening the Gentleman cherchand, mentioned