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THE CURAL-NALADEYAR-MOOTHERI-NANNERI.

HISTORICAL FACTS CONCERNING INDIA AND ENGLAND—ANECDOTES IL-LUSTRATIVE OF MORAL AND RELIGIOUS DUTIES.—VOCABULARY OF ENGLISH ADJECTIVES—FABLES—AND A VARIETY OF OTHER MISCELLANEOUS MATTER.

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### PREFACE.

THE character and design of this volume are plainly indicated by the "title" and "table of contents." The general reader or the student at school is here furnished with a few remarks daily on some interesting subject, preceded by a brief and appropriate Scripture text. So conscious is the compiler of the defects that a critical eye may detect in its pages, that he can with confidence recommend little else than the plan. It is not a finished production, but an essay at what might be made far more attractive and useful.

It requires but a glance at the Index to see that a vast field has been traversed to collect the various facts, arguments, and counsel here brought to view. Could he have foreseen the amount of labour that such a journey and collation were to require, he would have shrunk from the task. As the work appeared in semi-monthly numbers, (accompanying the "Aurora,") he was compelled to furnish matter, whatever might at the time be the state of his health or the nature of his other engagements. He has been from time to time encouraged to proceed from various assurances that the work was doing good.

Were it desirable to revise the volume and give it a more permanent form, articles now inserted might be supplied with matter more satisfactory and the style of others made more simple and popular. But it now appears as when it came from the press, and his only hope is that some person of qualifications superior to any he can lay claim to, may think it worth their time and strength to perfect the plan and render it, what he feels assured it can be made, a valuable reading and school book.



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கூ. சில குறள்களும், அவைகளின் பொருள்களும்.

ω). மகம்தாவின் சருக்கமான சரி த்திரம்.

்லைக. நீதியுள்ள இராசா.

ம்உ. சிங்கம். (படம்.)

லா. இப்பொழுத வழங்கிவரும் பாவை\$கள்.

யச. இந்த தேசம், எல்‰கள், பிரி வுகள்.

லு**ு. சீ**விய சம்பந்தமும், அதைச்¦ ல. மேலான வாக்கியம். சேர்ந்த கடமைகளும்.

லகு. இறியகாரணம், டெரிய காரி∖ல≥. யா~னே, (படம்.) Шů.

லா. புத்தகங்கவூச் சரியான பய!லச. இந்து தேசேசரித்திரம்.

லஅ. உத்தமத்தெரிவு.

யகு. பலவானசோ திக‱க்கு நித்த ∴ிலகு. பொருளாசை.

உல் சிரகங்களின் அளவும், பிரமா லஎ. பூமி, செவ்வா பென்றுங்கிரக ண மும்.

உீக. தேவ ஹுடைய குணங்கள்.

ப்வரைகளும், பூரிவுகளும்.

உரு. உதாரகுணமும், தன்றியறித சு. தேவ வல்லமை.

உசு. சுழுத்திரம், கடல்மிஃ மினி.

உரு. சில குற்க்ன்.

உசு, கிறிஸ் துவுக்கும், மகம் தவுக்கு உட வெள்ளி. # 201 L. B. A oir.

உஎ. பக்கிரியும், அண்டங்காச்ககை Щů.

(الله.) உஅ. புவி.

உகை. ஒரு குலைத்தார் பிரித்து பல குவைத்தாராணகாரணங்கள்.

கைலை. இந்ததேச்சரித்திரம்.

நக. குரங்க**்ப**பொ*ரு*ள்கல்.

### மாசிமாதம்.

கை. காலத்தின் விரைவுட், அதின் முக்கியமும்.

உ. புதஃ, வெள்ளியென்றுபிறுண் இ திரகங்களேயுங்குறித்த.

நு. தேர்மையான சி**ந்தைகொ**ண் டிரைத்தல் நமது கடமை யென்பதைக்குறித்து.

சு. பராபாதுடையநிததியும்.

டு. நாலடியார்.

கு. கண்டங்கள், தீவுகள், சமுந் திரங்கள்.

எ. பொன்.

அ. சமூத்திரம், கடற்றண்ணிரு ůj.

கே. குறி.

லக. ஒரு பெயணும், (ஒருகதை.)

ய⊼. 5ாவடக்க‰க்குறிக்த.

துடைன்வாசிக்கும்முறைகள். லிரி. விகற்பமான டினிகசாதிக‱ சீ*குறி*த்தை.

ங்களோடும், வேறுசில சிறுடி சகங்க**ு** பெற்குறித்து.

டுடை பூமிப்படத்திலே காணப்பி அ. ஞானப்பாட்டு, (ரசஅகும் £ 50)

**டைய்.** நாலடியார்.

உக. தண்ணீர்ப்பிரிவுகளும் அவைக ளின உதாரணங்களுமு.

முள்ள வீரோத அலங்கார்உர சாத்திரங்களின்பெரும் அவை களின் பயதும்.

உச சூருள்.

உடு. சமுத்திரப், அழம்.

உகு. இந்த தேசத்திலுஃன நதிகள்

உஎ. கோகுய், (படம்.)

உஅ.இந்து தேச சித்திரம்.

உசு விகத்பமான மனிதசாதிகளாக் குட்ச்து.

### பங்குளிமாதம்.

க. ஒருடந்திலி தன் நண்டுஞ்கிய ஒரு இவா ஏதுச்குக் கற்பித் தமுக்கியவாய்டு பாழிகள்.

உ. வியாடின், சனி, எர்சலென்று ந்கோகங்க வோக்குறித்து.

**நை. இநாஃ மையுள்ள புத்தி**சன்.

சு. தேவை வல்ல எமை.

இ. நாலடியார்.

சு. தனாயின் நிரிவுகள்.

எ. செட்பு, பித்தவா, வெண்கலம்

அ. ஏந்திரக்கார இம்ஒட்ட சமும்.

கு. குறுள்.

ல. சு*டூத்திர*ம், ஏற்றைமவற்றும்.

லக. இந்துதேசத்தின் நிதிகள்.

யஉ. காண்டாமிருகம். (டடம்.)

லா. ஒரு மாட் (அது உளருட்டிதை லிரு. சா துவிச்சுத்தீவுகளிற்சிலதை மும், இங்கிலி அம், தமிழி ஆம்தைய®த்தச் சொல்லக் *நா தியுட்.*)

லசு. இறிஸ் நமார்க்கத்தின் பேரி ஹ ண்டான வத்தாட்சிகள்.

லது. கிழிஸ் நமார்க்கத்தின் பே**ரி**ஹாய**அ**. மிருகங்கள், பயிர்பூண்றிகள், ண்டான அத்தாட் கொக். (மற்பக்கத்தில் தொடர்ச்சி.)

காரணங்களேக்குறித்து.

பவர்களில் சரித்திரம்.

ல்அ. உடக்கிரகம்கு், அல்லது சந்'உக. ஆ ிரிச்காக் கல்டம். தோர்களேக்குறித்து.

லகு. குற்றத்துக்குத்தோழுஃ தெண்⊤ ட வோ.

ளுர், அவர்களடைய சிறிய DETC: i.

உசு. ஆகியாக்கண்டம்.

உட. தேவ சூரனம்.

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உச. இருப் 4.

உடு. பரமாறு.

ஓ.கு. குறஃர்.

உர. சமுத்திரம்.

உஅ. பூக்ப்பப்.

உகு. கறடி. (படம்.)

நம். மனிதருபின் வித்தியாச<u>ு</u>யம்.

ு ஈக. அதினச் செலவுக்கா*ர*ன்.

### சித்திரைமாதம்.

க. வீண் என்ணத்தைப் பற்றிச் சொல்வியத.

உ. திரசரைம்.

நு. திரகணுட். (தொடர்ச்சு.)

சு. சொற்றிபட்டு.

டு. நாலடியார்.

க. தமிழ்ப்பழமொழிகள்.

எ. தரும்ப்பள்ளிச்கூடைத்துபை பீள் வோகளுக்கழிவிக்கும்புத்திகள்.

அ. தேவபத்தி. (இரண்டுகதை கள்.)

கு. குறுள்.

ய. நீர்சகழி.

∨க. ஆசியாக்கண்டம்.

முட. தரி, (படம்.)

ு. வாயுச்சாட்பி.

யசு. சா ஹுவிச்சுத் தீவுகளிற் சில**தை** ப்பற்றியவொருகதை.

ப்பற்திடவொருகதை,(முற் பக்கத்தின் தொடர்சசி.)

லகு. தன்றியறியாடையின் கவீட வேயைச்சொல்வியது.

ல்எ. வு∘ல்நட்சத்திரம்.

சுரங்கங்களெஃ ஹாம் பூமி யின் பொருள்களேக்குறி<u>த்து</u>.

லசு. விகத்பமான மனிதசாதி விஃ லக்க. கொணவீயுகியஸ் என்பவரை க்குறித்து.

யக. இஸ்க்யுலஸ், அமிணடஸ் என் உய். நாலடியார், (வாழ்நாள் குற BU 5.)

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உரு. தீதோஷ்டணமறிகருவி.

உச சிவகுறி.

உல். டெற்ருரற்ற இரண்டு பில்வக உடு. வேதாகமத்தை வாசிட்பதற்கு த்தசந்தகற்பிகைள்.

உசு. தருடிப்பள்ளிக்கூடத்தபடிள் ுகளுக்கறிவிக்கும் புத்துகள்.

ഉദ. ജ്ലിത്ര.

உரு. நால்டிடார், (இள்ளைட்டு வயோ உஅ.ஓர் சன்னியாசியின்கதை.

உகை. அப்பஞ்சுடுவோனபும் அவன் தளபாடங்களேயுங் குறித்த சொற்றிரட்டு.

நைல். மனி*த*ரு சென் فرق ه ی فراع தொழில்கள்.

வைசாசிமாதம்.

க. முகஸ் த தி செய்பவரைக்குறி க் தச் சொல்லியது.

உ. வால்நட்சத்திரம்.

ந. ஐரோடீபாகண்டம்.

சு. சரித்திர அறிவு.

டு. இங்கிலாந்ததேச சரித்திரம்.

கு. நாலடியார், (அறுக் வலியு அத் தல்.}

எ. வாயுந்தோக்குங்கருவி.

அ. துத்தநாகம்.

கை. பலவகையானசனங்களுக்குள் யஉ. பனி. ளுமிருச்குமரசாட்சிமுரை. ம். கடப்பசு.

ல. சிலகுறன்.

லக. தருமைப்பள்ளிக்க<u>ூடத்</u>தப் பிள் வோகளுக்கறிவிச்சூம்புத்திக்ள்.

லஉ. நாய், (படம்.)

ல் . வேதாகமத்தை வாசிப்பதற்க த்தைகுந்த கேற்பினகள்.

யச. அலேஃகுசந்**த**ொன்ற டெரிய விராசினாக்குறித்து.

**மது. அலேக்குசந்தர்(தொடர்ச்சி**)

Nகு. ஒழுக்கமறி **த**ிலக் குறித்தை சொல்லிய த.

ல்எ. ஞானிசள் சொஃன காரண மொழிகள்.

யஅ. அபிிக்காக்கண்டும்.

லகு. சரித்திர அறிவு. (முதலாடிம ண்டாங்காலப்பகுதி.)

உல். நாலடியார். (அறஃவலியு அ உஅ.வேதாகமத்தை வாசிப்பதற்கு த்தேல். தாயதன்மை)

உக. இங்கிலாந்தாதேச்சரித்திரம்.

உட இரசம்.

உகை. கோற்று.

உ ச. சிலகுறவ்கள்.

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உக.வேதாகம்மேன்மை.

உஎ. நாய். (படம்.)

உஅ. தருப்பள்ளிக்கூடத் சப் பிள் ளகளுக்கறிவிக்கும்புத் தகள்

உகை.பலவலகையானசனங்களு≗்குள் ளிருக்கும்ரசாட்சி முறை.

**ஈ௰. வே**தாகமத்தை வாகிட்பத்றகு த்தைந்த சற்பினகள்.

**நக.** சொற்றிரட்டு.

### அனிமாதம்.

க. மெய்ப்பாக்கியம்.

உ. நல்போசு2னகள். மேரிக்கா.)

ச. சரித்திர அறிவு. வுண்ரும், தாலாம், ஐந்தாங் காலப் பகுதி.

டு. நாலடியார். (தாயதன்மை)

கூ. இங்கிலாந் உடுகசு சரித்திரம்

எ. கற்குத்தா. அ காந்தக்கல்.

கூ. சிலகுறவ்கள்.

ல. காம்.

லக. தாருடப்பள்ளிக் கூடைத்தடு்பின் வோகளுக்கறிவிக்கும்புத் திகள்.

லச. வேதாகமத்தை வாசிப்பதற்கு த்துந்த கற்பினகள்.

்டு. ஒர்தாஸ்திகள் நிஃயழிவு.

லகு. உழப்பாசாரம்.

லஎ. தல்போசகோகள்.

v.அ. பெரியவிறித்தானியா.

லகு. செரித்திரே அறிவு. ஆரும், ஏடிர ம் எட்டாங்காலப்புகதி.

உய். நாலடியார், (தறு, கினமின் மை.)

உக. இங்கிலாந்தா தேசை சரித்திரும். உட. கல்வெள்ளி,

உரு. மழை.

உசு. குடுள். உடு. சென்னபட்டினர்.

உகு.வியாதிகளுக்குறித்த சிந்துண. ഉദ. ഥിയ കൂമി. (വഥഥം.)

த்தகுந்தகட்ட மோகள்.

உகு.கிறிஸ்துமத ஏகபரிபாலனம். ஈல. சொற்றி⊐ட்டு.

### அடிமாதம்.

க. அரிபபெரியகாட்சி.

உ. நலயோசு வேகள்.

ஈ. தேவைதீதி.

சு. சரித்திர அறிவு, (ஒன்\_தாம் பத்தாங்காலப்டகுதி.)

டு. நாவடியார்.

கூ. இங்கிலாந்து தேசசரித்திரம்.

எ. கானூற்ற சேர்க்கிசென்னுமி ராசாக்கவோக்குறித்து.

அ லோகங்கவாக்குறித்**த பொ**து வீபரம்.

கு. கிவகுறள்.

ம். பம்பைப்பட்டினைம்.

க. அம்ரிக்காகண்டம். (தெல்ன மக. வேதாகமத்தை வாசிப்பதித த்தேசுந்தகற்டி வகேள்.

ா) உ. உறைந்தமழை.

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லச. திறிஸ் துமதமேன்மை.

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இன்ற எளிய கழுதையும்.

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அ. இங்கிலாந் த தெசசரித்திரம்.

கூ. முதனா.

ம். வேதாகமத்தை வாசிப்பதற்கு தீதகுந்தகற்பின்கள்.

லக. மிஃசாரம்.

௰௨. தீக்குருவி∙

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யகு. சூ *த சொல்லு* கின்றபயல்.

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உல. நாலடியொர், (குடிப் 9 நட்டு.)

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ை ம.

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உஎ. படிட்பின் தருமுவமை, (பொ ருள்)

உ*அ. ஆந்தை.* 

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சு. ஒரு உவமை.

இ. நாவடியார்.

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அ. தேவ பரிசுத்தம்.

கூ. முதனா.

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யஉ. இளிஞன்பத்தி.

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உட. நால் டியார்.

உரு. இங்கிலாந் நடுதசசரித்திரம்.

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மசு. கழுதை. (படம்,) !உசு. நஃ என்றி.

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**ரிக்கா முத**லியவற்**றி** ஹன்ன குருங்கெங்**க**ள் **முத**லியன். January 1st.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped ns."—I Samuel, vii. 12.

# THOUGHTS APPROPRIATE TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR.

A traveller left his home on a journey to a distant country. It was his custom when reaching the summit of a mountain to pause and look back as far as his eye could extend upon the way he had passed over, and forward over the road that lay still before him. A survey of the dangers he had escaped, and a recollection of the protection he had enjoyed, encouraged him to continue his journey with new vigour, courageous to meet any obstacle that might oppose his progress, and careful to avoid what he had found from experience to be wrong and injurious. Life is a journey—all men are travellers. At the period of birth this journey is commenced, nor will it terminate until at the moment of death, the soul leaves the body and enters the eternal world. The first day of the year is like the mountain summit alluded to. On that summit we now stand. Let us pause and seriously reflect on the past year. In the first place—how many are the blessings we have enjoyed! Life-reason-friends-and an abundance of other temporal favours—but above all these a knowledge of Him who is the Saviour of the soul. Again, how many sins we have committed! In thought, word, and deed we have transgressed the laws of our Heavenly Father and King. For our mercies, we should be grateful; for our sins, penitent. We should resolve that, by God's assistance, we will during this year speak and act with better motives, and holier desires than we have done during the time past. Such thoughts and resolutions are appropriate to the first day of the year.

> Count not thy days that have idly flown, The years that were vainly spent, Nor speak of the hours thou must blush to own, When thy spirit stands before the throne, To account for the talents lent.

But number the hours, redeemed from sin, The moments employed for heaven:— Oh, few and evil thy days have been, Thy life, a toilsome but worthless seene, For a nobler purpose given.

Life's waning hours, like the sybil's page, As they lessen, in value rise; Oh, rouse thee and live! nor deem that man's age Stands in the length of his pilgrimage, But in days that are truly wise.

### January 2d.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,"- Ecclesiastes, ix. 10.

AN ESTATE.



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A certain man became possessor of a landed estate, with the power to cultivate it as he willed, and to derive from it any amount of revenue his ingenuity or labour might obtain; yet with this condition—that an enemy was entitled to take away a certain portion of it every day, until the whole was gone. What, think you, were the thoughts, and what the conduct of this man concerning his property? Did he not endeavour to discover by what means he could put it to the best account before it should pass out of his hands? Reflecting that each day it was becoming less, and that the smaller its extent, the smaller would be the return it might make, did he not till, and sow it. and use every possible exertion for gaining from it the greatest amount of advantage. "If a wise man, such was his course," you exclaim. Now listen! Time is that estate. You are its present owner. It is constantly being taken from you. Soon all will be gone. Improve it now. "Fear God and keep His commandments." Do this, and when the last instant of time is seized away, an eternity of joy will open before you.

Time is the most subtle but the most insatiable of depredators, and by appearing to take nothing is permitted to take all. Time is the cradle of hope but the grave of ambition; is the stern corrector of fools but the counsellor of the wise, bringing all they dread to the one and all they desire to the other. Like Cassandra, it warns us with a voice that even the sagest discredit too long, and the silliest believe too late. Wisdom walks before it, opportunity with it, and repentance behind it. He that has made it his friend will have little to fear from his enemies; but he that has made it his enemy will have little to hope from his friends.

Be wise to-day, 'tis madness to defer.

#### THE SUN-ASTRONOMY.

The sun is the largest and most magnificent object that comes within the range of human observation. Its nature, shape, movements, and other phenomena, have in every age and country awakened inquiry and elicited speculation. Waving all mention of the many theories that have been advanced on this subject, the following are the opinions of the wisest of modern astronomers. The sun, the planets, with their moons, and the comets, form one collection of worlds called the solar system. Of this system the sun is the centre, and imparts to the other bodies that move around it light and heat. The form of the sun is nearly that of a sphere or globe. Its diameter is about 886,000 miles, and its circumference about 2,700,000 miles, its distance from the earth is about 95,000,000 miles, and its magnitude more than a million of times larger than our planet. The sun was generally considered by the ancients to be a globe of pure fire, but the opinion entertained at the present day is, that it is an opaque body surrounded by an atmosphere of a phosphoric nature. One of the modern philosophers computes the light of the sun on each square foot of the earth turned towards it as equal to 6,500 lamps placed at one foot distance. Though the sun appears to us as one bright body, yet when seen through a telescope, it is found to have dark spots which are supposed to be openings in the phosphorescent fluid that surrounds it.

Though the sun is the centre of a vast number of revolving spheres it is itself ever moving; first, round the common centre of all bodies belonging to our system: second, on its axis: third, towards the constellation Hercules.

That science which treats of the forms, distances, and appearances of the heavenly bodies, is called astronomy. It is a very noble and useful science—noble, for it treats of the most magnificent of the Creator's works—useful, for it assists the mariner when voyaging upon the sea, the traveller when traversing foreign and unknown countries, and the historian in ascertaining the dates of events that are past. The sciences of geography, chronology, and navigation are intimately connected with astronomy. We would commend this science to all who can give it their attention. They will derive from it both pleasure and profit.

### THE EXISTENCE OF GOD-THEOLOGY.

An astronomer had a friend who denied the existence of a God. Notwithstanding the philosopher's repeated and cogent arguments, his friend was unconvinced. At length he devised a plan that would, he hoped, carry conviction to the skeptic's mind. He constructed a miniature celestial globe, and placed it on his table. When his friend called at his house, he asked the astronomer, "where he got his globe, and who made it?" "I got it no where, no one made it," was the reply. "No one "No one made it! what can you mean? Surely you must have obtained it from some one," said the friend. The philosopher looking seriously at his erring companion, said, "can you deny that this little ball made itself, and yet can you say that the sun, the moon, the planets, and this earth came by chance?" The skeptie saw his dilemma, confessed himself convinced, and acknowledged that there must be a God who created and sustains all things. Reader-you, without doubt, believe that there is a God. Are you performing the duties you owe to Him? These duties are to "worship Him in spirit and in truth"-"to love Him with all your heart,"-"to fear Him and keep His commandments." These things do, and He will be thy friend forever!

The science that treats of the attributes, &c. of God is termed theology. We have said that astronomy is a noble and useful science, but far more noble and more profitable is that of theology, for it treats not of the most splendid of created things, but of the Creator himself! It is a science more useful than all others, because it pertains to the eternal interests of each member of the human family. He who has not the time, opportunity, or inclination to study the other sciences, may yet be a good man, but that person is not prepared to dwell in God's presence after death, who will not, while he lives, study His character and seek to learn and strive to do His will.

Acquaint thee, O mortal! acquaint thee with God, And joy, like the sunshine, shall beam on the road, And peace like the dew drop, shall fall on thy head, And sleep like an angel, shall visit thy bed.

Acquaint thee, O mortal, acquaint thee with God, And He shall be with thee when fears are abroad, Thy safeguard in danger that threatens thy path, Thy joy in the valley and shadow of death.

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE SUN.

Who can look at the sun without admitting the existence and acknowledging the power and goodness of God. What power less than that of Omnipotence could have created, and through so many ages have sustained a body of such dimensions and capabilities. The sun displays not only the power but the goodness of the Creator. How great the pleasure and benefit we derive from light and heat and colour! but of these the sun is the fountain. Surely He who created the sun, and who through it grants us so many and valuable blessings, is worthy of our worship, and our grateful praise and love. But many in every age have fallen into a serious error upon this point—the error is that of supposing, that not only is the Being who created the sun to be reverenced, but a certain amount of homage is due to the orb itself. That is a dangerous mistake. It is worshipping the creature which is idolatry-and was the earliest form in which that prevalent and fatal sin showed itself in our world. Let us carefully avoid this and all other forms of creature worship, for they place an insurmountable barrier between our souls and heaven. "Idolaters cannot enter the kingdom of God." But let us remember the words of Moses addressed to the Jews, "Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, moon, and stars, even all the hosts of heaven, should be driven to worship them and serve them." (Deut. iv. 19.) Let our conduct while on earth be such, that when death removes us hence, we may enter that world where "the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

The planets and other heavenly bodies, also the aerial and meteorological phenomena, will in future numbers of our paper be treated scientifically and practically—their philosophy stated, and their bearings upon man's relation to his Creator, and consequent duties specified. Such an examination cannot but be interesting to all who are at all desirous of seeing God as He displays Himself in His varied and impressive works.

These are thy glorious works, Parent of good, Almighty, Thine this universal frame, Thus wondrous fair: Thyself how wondrous then, Unspeakable, who sittest above the heavens To us invisible or dimly seen In these Thy lowest works, yet these declare Thy goodness beyond thought and power divine. Thou Sun of this great world, both eye and soul Acknowledge Him thy greater, sound His praise, On thy eternal course both when thou climbest. And when high noon has gained, and when thou fallest.

### THE EARTH-ITS NATURE AND FORM-GEOGRAPHY.

The earth in which we live is a large body composed of land and water. Its diameter is about 7,925 miles, and its distance from the sun is 95,000,000 miles. It moves round the sun once in 365 days and 8 hours. The idea is entertained by many ignorant persons that the earth is flat like a board. The falsity of this notion will be manifest if we consider the four following facts—(1) If a traveller turning his face to the east or west journey straight forward, he will after a lapse of time return to the place he had left. This would not be the case were the earth flat like the top of a table. (2) When a ship is voyaging towards land, the first part of it visible to those on shore is the top of the mast, then the sails, and at length the hull. Were the world flat, the whole ship would be visible at one and the same time. (3) When the earth comes directly between the sun and the moon, the shadow cast upon the moon is circular—which shows conclusively that the earth is round. (4) If we journey towards the North-star, that body which was at first just above the horizon, will at length be seen above our heads. facts show conclusively that the earth is globular.

As the earth moves round the sun, sometimes one part is turned towards that orb and sometimes another part. This is the cause of day and night. All the time that a certain place is next to the sun, to the inhabitants of that place it is day, when by the earth's motion it is turned away from that place it is night. The length of day and night is different in different parts of the year, and different parts of the world. The cause of this phenomena and other things pertaining to the earth we will explain at another time.

The science that treats of the nature and form of the earth, as also of the various countries, seas, &c. upon its surface, is termed geography. It is a science which the young should study with great care, for without a knowledge of geography, books that treat of other nations can be read with but little interest or profit. It is our intention to present our readers with consecutive articles on this important subject. With this we shall connect history and chronology. An opportunity will thus be afforded of bringing to the notice of our readers a greater number of facts relative to the events of all ages and countries which will be found, we trust, interesting and instructive.

### LEARNING-ITS PROPERTY AND USES.

"Hear the qualities of learning, it blesses him Who gives and him who takes."

When you give what is tangible to others you cease to possess it yourself; but in respect to knowledge it is different, for without the owner's losing possession of it, this gift may be freely imparted and yet not lost. By constantly giving away gold and silver, the stock is diminished; but by giving away learning it so far from being reduced, is rather the more increased. Learning cannot, like riches, in any way be lost, or squandered away, or stolen. Like a good counsellor, learning teaches us to beware of approaching evil, and shows us its consequences: and if, unfortunately, trouble should at any time overtake us, it then gives us good advice. Learning is the associate and intimate companion of the possessor.

As a torch gives light in darkness, so amongst men does the light of learning. Again, as when you light a candle from another, the latter is not extinguished; so by communicating information, the darkness of another blind man is removed, and there is no loss to the person who enlightens him.

He who possesses such a treasure ought not therefore to lose it by his negligence, nor to be unwilling to impart it according to ability.

Let the young remember these important truths. We are not sure that we have acquired a knowledge of any subject until we attempt its communication to others. What we can give we know that we have got. The memory, like the body, is strengthened by exercise. Each time that a pupil recites his lesson to his teacher, he has increased assurance that he has acquired that lesson, and the recitation of it has fastened it more deeply in his own memory.

There are some persons who seek to get knowledge but are unwilling to impart it to others. They only listen, but never speak. In the following significant stanza the poet compares such persons to the sand on the sea-shore—

Some act upon this prudent plan.
Say little and hear all you ean;
Safe principle but hateful.
So barren sands imbibe the shower.
But yielding neither fruit nor flower.
Unpleasant and ungrateful.—Cowfer.

#### PHENOMENA OF THE SEA.

About two-thirds of the surface of the earth is covered with water. This water is congregated sometimes in large and sometimes in small portions. The large bodies of water are called oceans—the smaller ones are called seas, gulfs, lakes, rivers, &c. There are five oceans—the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Northern and Southern. There are several phenomena connected with the ocean worthy of our notice. These are its extent, its strength, its restlessness, its taste, its colour, its unvariableness, its depth, its tides, its currents, its phosphorescence, its inhabitants and its utility. We will briefly notice each of these phenomena.

First—The extent of the Ocean. We can look across the widest rivers with the naked eye. By the aid of a magnifying glass we can see across many lakes and bays; but though we ascend the highest mountains and have the assistance of the most powerful telescopes, we cannot see across the ocean. The Atlantic Ocean is 2,300 miles broad. The Pacific Ocean is 10,000 miles wide. The Indian Ocean is 4,000 miles broad. These oceans are also many thousand miles in length.

Second Phenomenon—The strength of the Ocean. When a ship is on the land it requires all the strength of many strong men and beasts even to stir it, but when launched into the ocean it sits like a bird on the surface of the water, and is tossed up and down with perfect ease. The ocean can hold up all the ships, and those most heavily laden that can be placed upon it. Besides this, if a ship after being finished must be taken to pieces, it requires the labour of many persons for a long time to do it; but the ocean can in a few hours break to pieces the strongest ships. How great is the power and strength of the ocean!

Third Phenomenon—The restlessness of the Ocean. Whoever saw the water of the ocean for an instant still. Its movements are different in degree at different times, but they always exist. The Prophet Isaiah compares the heart of a wicked man to the sea, because it is never peaceful—never happy. (lvii 20.)

The other phenomena of the sea we intend in future numbers of our paper to consider.

### SELECTIONS FROM THE CURAL.

- 1. As the letter A is the first of all the letters of the alphabet, so the eternal God is first in the universe.
- 2. What profit is knowledge to those who worship not Him who is pure Intelligence.
- 3. Mental anxiety can alone be removed by worshipping the ineffable Jehovah.
- 4. The great (in spirit) will alone attempt to do those ways which are difficult to be done. The mean (those who are deficient in mental energy) will not attempt those things which require energy and perseverance.
- 5. To the full extent of your ability (at all times and in all ways) practise virtue.
- 6. Say not we will make choice of a virtuous course of life at some future period. Be virtuous nom; in the hour of death she will be to you an undying help.

"The Cural of Tiravullavur is held in the highest veneration by the Tamil people. The writer of it is deemed an incarnation of wisdom. It is called the first of works, from which, whether for thought or language, there is no appeal. The author's style is in general dignified, though he at times descends to puerilities." (Rev. J. Drew.) From this work we intend to select consecutively the most important maxims, and those that bear most directly on the relative duties of life. It should be remarked, that it is impossible to give in English the energy and elegance to a Tamil poem that it has in the original. The translations we shall present, are from the pen of that ripe scholar, the Rev. J. Drew, who has given an English dress to 24 chapters of the work, and intends to issue a second volume should his health allow of a return to India.

The late Mr. Ellis published some portions of the Cural with free and elegant (poetic) translations. Both works will repay a careful reading. The energy of a strong mind and the necessity for a Divine Revelation will equally manifest themselves in every chapter of this classical production.

"Many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many."-Matthew, xxiv. 11.

#### BRIEF MEMOIR OF MOHAMMED.

Mohammed was born in Mecca, a city of Arabia, A. D. 569. His ancestry was honourable but his parents were poor. He became an orphan when young and was taken in charge by his uncle, who instructed him in the arts of war and commerce. At the age of 25 he married Kadija, a rich widow of Mecca, and thus became a man of wealth and rank. Impelled by a sight of the wickedness around him and by an ambitious desire to gain notoriety, he determined to establish a new religion. About the year 609, he informed his wife that God had sent to him His Angel Gabriel, to make known to him His will, and to appoint him His Propliet. His wife was at first incredulous, but at length she and several of his servants became his disciples. In the year 622 his uncle died, and the protection afforded by his power as the Chief Magistrate of Mecca being withdrawn, the people so persecuted him that he was obliged to flee to Medina. This event is called the Hejira, and from it the Mohammedans reckon their time. The people of Mecca received him joyfully, and great numbers became his disciples. He placed weapons of war in their hands and led them against his enemics; and after many battles he compelled all the Arabs to submit to his authority and embrace his religion. He died at Mecca in the 63d year of his age. Multitudes flock to his sepulchre annually.

This pilgrimage is so necessary a point of practice that, according to a tradition of Mohammed, he who dies without performing it may as well die a Jew or a Christian. The same is expressly commanded in the Koran.

In succeeding numbers we propose to consider the inconsistency, the ambition, the craftiness, the sensuality, and the cruelty of Mohammed, as opposed to the consistency, the humility, the frankness, the purity, and the benevolence of Christ. Then will follow comparative views of the Scriptures and the Koran—and the effects of the two religions on the intellects, the morals, and the happiness of mankind. It is our wish and purpose to treat the whole subject with simplicity, candour and kindness.

#### THE JUST KING.

One of the kings of Persia, who is famous in history for his exact justice, was once out hunting, when, finding himself hungry, he ordered the people to dress a deer that they had just taken. When all was nearly ready, they found that they had forgotten to bring any said with them; so they sent a ladeff to fetch some from a vidage at a little distance. The king overheard them, and, calting to the boy, said, "and mind you take money to pay for it." The attendants expressed their surprise at his thinking of such trifles, and asked what harm there could be in taking a handful of salt. The king replied: "All the evil that now troubles the earth, first began in such trifles, till by degrees it grew to its present height; and if I take the salt, my officers will perhaps seize the cow."

There are many people who do not think it worth while to attend to what they are doing except upon great and important occasions; forgetting that happiness and virtue consists in those trifling occurrences of which human life is made up.

We ought to desire that every one with whom we are in any way connected, should enjoy all the rights privileges, and advantages of every kind which they are fairly entitled to; and we ought to avoid doing ourselves, and to discourage others from doing any wrong whatever to any one, especially to the weak and defenceless. This is justice. It is one of the Divine attributes, and whoever would be like that perfect and glorious being, must be just in all the relations he sustains both to God and to his fellow-men. If it is unjust to disregard the claims that our fellow-men have upon us, how much greater is the injustice of which they are guilty, who fail to perform the duties they owe to their Heavenly Father, Benefactor and King!

### January 12th.

"The devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour."

1 Feter, v. 8.

A LION.



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The lion was considered by the ancients and is by the moderns as the king of beists. This rank it holds by reason of its majestic appearance and gigantic strength. The lion and lioness differ somewhat in appearance and disposition. The lion though the strongest and most ferocious of heasts is not the largest-the measurement of a full grown fion from the insertion of the tail to the nose is 7 feet, and its height about 4 feet. Lions are not as numerous as they used to be. They shun the society of men, and therefore as the world becomes populated and for sts are cut down they decrease in number. They now inhabit Africa, and are at times to be found in the deserts of Persie, In ia, and Japan They prey on horses and large quadrupeds and when pressed by hunger on men. They are afraid of the flame, therefore travellers protect themselves on their journies by keeping burning around them at night a large fire. The roar of the lion is terrificand frightens all who hear it. As most animals fear and avoid the lion, he seizes upon his prev stealthily, creeping towards them like a cat, and then leaping upon them with a tre-When we carefully consider these characteristic mendous bound features and habits of the lion, we are not surprised that the wise mon used this animal as an appropriate emblem of the devil. Let us be as watchful of the one as we would be of the other.

It is intended to present to our readers, seriatin, all of the most important of the animal creation - beasts, birds, fishes and insiets with a description of their forms, dispositions, habits, places of resilence, and other peculiarities. Each sketch, so far as our means will allow, will be accompanied by a cut that may aid the reader in forming a more distinct idea of the animal about which he is reading.

### January 13th.

"The whole earth was of one language and one speech."-Genesis, xi. 1.

### LANGUAGES.

When God created man He gave to him not only the power of articulate speech, (thus distinguishing him from and elevating him above the dumb brutes) but also a language in which to express his thoughts and feelings. The language thus divinely bestowed is supposed to have been the Hebrew. During the 2,000 years after creation, all mankind conversed in that tongue. But now how different! There are at present 80 different languages and a great number of associated dialects in use among the inhabitants of our world. If we are desirous of learning the origin of this remarkable change, we must turn to the Scripture History as given by Moses, and there we learn that when the Ancients incurred the Divine displeasure by attempting to erect a tower that their name might not be forgotten, God punished them by confounding their language, so that they could not understand each other's speech, (see Genesis xi. 1-9.) Hence the change we now behold. In Asia, and the adjoining islands, the principal languages are Syriac, Arabic, Sanscrit, Tartarian, Chinese, Boli, Malay, Tamil, &c. &c. On the continent of Europe, they are English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, &c. &c. In America, the English, Spanish, and India (or those of the aboriginal tribes). In Africa, the Berba Mandingo, Amina, Congo, Caffree.

Concerning these languages we remark two circumstances—(1) Those most extensively in use are the English, French, Chinese and German. (2) The Old Testament Scriptures were written in Hebrew, and the New Testament in Greek. (3) In all languages the first letter of the alphabet is A. Hence the couplet of the Tamil sage Tiruvalluvar. "As the letter A is the first of all letters, so God is the highest being in the universe."

There are other important respects in which the inhabitants of the several continents and countries differ from each other—such as colour, figure, religion, modes of domestic life, forms of government, &c. These we intend to point out and illustrate in future numbers of our paper.

### INDIA-ITS GEOGRAPHY.

India, the name of the country in which we live, lies on the southern part of the extensive continent of Asia. Its extreme length is 1,900 miles, and its breadth 1,500. Its boundaries are on the *north*, the Himalaya Mountains; on the *east*, Assam, Arracan, and the Bay of Bengal; on the *west*, the Arabian Sea

and the River Indus; on the south, the Indian Ocean.

Its divisions are—First, Northern India, which lies along the southern side of the Himalaya Mountains, and is subdivided into (1) Cashmeer, (2) Sermoor, (3) Gurwal or Sreenuggur, (4) Kumaoon, (5) Nepaul. Second, India Proper—which is subdivided into (1) Lahore or Punjaub, (2) Mooltan, (3) Delhi, (4) Oude, (5) Sind, (6) Ajmeer or Rajpootana, (7) Agra, (8) Kuch, (9) Guzerat, (10) Malwa, (11) Allahabad, (12) Bahar, (13) Bengal. Third, Dekkan—which is subdivided into, (1) Khandesh, (2) Gondwana, (3) Berar, (4) Orissa, (5) Aurungabad, (6) Beder, (7) Hyderabad, (8) Northern Circars, (9) Bejapoor. Fourth Division, South India—which is subdivided into, (1) Dooab, (2) The Ceded Districts, (3) Northern Carnatic, (4) Kanara, (5) Mysore, (6) Baramahal, (7) Salem, (8) Central Carnatic, (9) Malabar, (10) Koorg, (11) Coimbatoor, (12) Southern Carnatic, (13) Travancore.

The Rivers of India are the Indus, the Sutledge, the Jumna, the Ganges, the Brahmapootra, the Nurbudda, the Tuptee, the Muhanuddee, the Godavary, the Kistna, the Toombudra, the Pennary, the Palar, the Cavery. N. B.—Of these rivers the Brahmapootra is the longest. In the year 1822 this river overflowed its banks, and 37,000 men and women were destroyed by the flood. In the river Muhanuddee, diamonds of good quality are found. The Ganges is considered sacred by the Natives of this country, who visit it in multitudes annually to bathe in its

waters.—(To be continued.)

We deem it of first importance, and that for obvious reasons, that our readers should be well acquainted with their own country, its geography, history, commerce, resources, and relations to other lands. "India," therefore, in some of its relations, will form a place in each number of our periodical. It may not be untimely to mention in this connection that a small volume entitled "An Introduction to the Geography and History of India," compiled with great labour and care by an officer of the Madras Army, and edited by the Rev. A. R. Symonds, M. A., has lately been issued from the American Mission Press. We would strongly recommend the work to all Instructors of Native youth. They will find it a valuable assistant.

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### THE RELATIONS AND DUTIES OF LIFE.

Each individual of the human race sustains certain relations to God and to his fellow-men. Connected with and emanating from these relations are many important duties to know and practically regard, which is his first obligation. The highest relation man sustains is to God, and this is the relation of a creature to his Creator, of a subject to his king, of a beneficiary to his benefactor. All men live, and move, and have their being in Him, their Heavenly Father. He is King over the whole earth. From Him cometh down every good and every perfect gift. As their Creator all men owe to Him affection-"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, and strength." As their King all owe to Him loyal attachment. As their Benefactor all owe to Him grateful praise. These duties spring out of the relations men stand to God. They are related likewise to their fellow-men. All are children, some are husbands, some are wives, some are masters, some are servants, some are rulers, some are subjects. These relations give rise to many duties. Thus children must honour their parents. Parents should instruct and discipline their children. Masters should be kind to their servants. Servants should be faithful to their masters. Rulers should be just to their subjects. Subjects should be loyal to their rulers. Thus all should be faithful to each other. Of these duties, especially those due by the Hindús to their rulers, we will speak more fully at another time. In the mean time lay these things to heart.

This is introductory to a series of articles on the relations and duties of the Hindús to their Rulers—from the Queen, through all ranks of their Governors, to the lowest Native officer to whom they are directly amenable. A gentleman in the Civil Service of the Presidency has kindly prepared for us an able article on this subject, which with the assistance of published works at our command will enable us to be full and correct on this important subject. Much of the unhappy oppression that now exists in agricultural districts would be removed were the community better informed in their relations and privileges as citizens of an enlightened Christian government. Their ignorance is in this and other respects, their ruin.

### GREAT EFFECTS SPRING FROM LITTLE CAUSES.

How small a thing is a spark of fire—but of what injurious consequences may it be the cause! For example-Here is a village of closely located thatched houses. A spark of fire falls upon the roof of one of them; it is soon consumed, together with others to which it is attached and all the effects they contain. Again, here is a fort fully garrisoned. In the centre stands the magazine-house stored with powder. A spark of fire is communicated to a grain of that powder—the whole is instantly ignited—the fort is blown to pieces—and hundreds of lives are in a moment destroyed. The seed of the oak and the banyan are very small, but how large are the trees that spring from them. There are important subjects of a practical kind to which these illustrations may be applied. How great harm may arise from wrong words. For example—A ship is returning from a long voyage. It is passing a dangerous reef of rocks. The man who is watching on the bow calls to the helmsman, "steer to the east." It was a mistake. He should have said, "steer to the west." But it is too late; the error is committed. The ship strikes upon the rock, and a multitude of immortal beings sink to rise no more. Be careful of your words; a sentence not uttered as it should be may do great harm; it may inflict a wound upon the friend you dearly love, and may greatly injure your character and long disturb your peace. Said a wise man of old, "I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue;" an important resolution !- Again be careful of your actions! For example-A man went to an apothecary's shop to obtain medicine. The druggist took down a bottle, poured out the liquid and gave it to him. It was by mistake poison. The man drank it and died. Be careful what you do as well as what you say. Remember that great effects spring from trifling causes. Remember the important revealed assurances that we must, in the last day, render a strict account to the Judge of all for our words and actions while on earth.

This is the first of a series of Maxims we propose to consider in this illustrative and practical way, such as—

Honesty is the best policy. Be sure your sin will find you out. They that honour God will He honour. Godliness is profitable unto all things. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Do as you would be done by, &c.