

❧ PERINBAKADAL. ❧

❧ PREFACE. ❧

This Book which contains contemplations on the nativity and sufferings of Christ, consists of Four little Books called ஞானத்தாராட்டு (Gnanatarattu) திருச்சபைத் தாராட்டு (Tiruchabaitarattu) பேரின்பக்காதல் (Perinbakadal) and பிரலாப ஒப்பாரி Pralaba Oppari.)

1st Gnanatarattu, on Christ. This treats on the nativity of Christ and the benefits procured thereby.)

And this will assist Christians in their devotion by singing it in various tunes on Christmas both in their houses and Churches.

2nd Tiruchabaitarattu, on children. This will help to contemplate the poverty of the Son of God at his birth, and the innumerable blessings, the Children of men enjoy from their very infancy.

As it becomes not Christians to sing the above mentioned songs on Christ or to use irreligious and foolish songs as the heathens do, when they put their Children to sleep, it was therefore found necessary to compose the above Tiruchabaitarattu in 60 Couplets.

3rd Perinbakadal. This book following the order of the Church Catechism, shews the system of Religion and the Passion of Christ and also the merits derived from thence,

There is another Perinbakadal which was composed formerly by an author named Antonicuttee Annaviar