

## CHAPTER XVIII.

DISCOURSING OF THE PLACE WHERE LIETH THE BODY OF ST. THOMAS  
THE APOSTLE ; AND OF THE MIRACLES THEREOF.

THE Body of Messer St. Thomas the Apostle lies in this province of Maabar at a certain little town having no great population · 'tis a place where few traders go,



Ancient Cross with Pehlevi Inscription on St. Thomas's Mount, near Madras. (From Photograph.)

because there is very little merchandize to be got there, and it is a place not very accessible.<sup>1</sup> Both Christians and Saracens, however, greatly frequent it in pilgrimage. For the Saracens also do hold the Saint in great reverence, and say that he was one of their own Saracens and a great prophet, giving him the title of *Avarian*, which is as much as to say "Holy Man."<sup>2</sup> The