

night I wrote letters to Rajagopalacharia and Jaymohan Das advising despatch to the former of pearls and the latter, a photograph of Brother. [At night I wrote letters to Rajagopalacharia and Jaymohan Das. As advised despatched to the former pearls and the latter a photograph of Brother].

Thursda~ 26thJanuar~ 1899

We have been here for one complete lunar month. It was on the last full moon that we arrived here in the morning. We received from Shriram Pant a case containing frame and pictures, I mean old pictures. In the evening Bhow Sahib who had returned from Poona called.

Frida~ 27thJanuar~ 1899

This is a place where there are few birds. The only birds I have heard are the black wagtail which is one of the best singers in Travancore, and Kohah we call the Kallarkani [written in Malayalam] which is usually heard at nights. Kites are also common. A few days back we heard the howl of a jackal.

Saturda~ 28th Januar~ 1899

This evening Messers Schleicher, Girhardt [Gerhardt] and their friend Sait, a young German came up. After supper the two men-Sait and Schleicher-went out in search of boars, having heard that they come out into the fields. But they returned unsuccessful after waiting for two hours.

Sunda~ 29thJanuar~ 1899

In the morning I showed my paintings to them. They liked very much my 'Chill December Morning' and also the 'River Indrani'. Mr Gerhardt remained at home assisting us in our work while the other two went for hunting. They returned in the evening having bagged one boar and antelope.

Monda~ 30th Januar~ 1899

At 5 o'clock in the morning Schleicher and Sait left for Bombay. We induced Ms Gerhardt to stay with us for one day more as his assistance was valuable. He is a good artist though he has no time to practice painting. We had nothing to give him for dinner except rice and curry.

Tuesda~ 31stJanuar~ 1899

The morning was very windy though not so cold. Ms Gerhardt left for Bombay by the 1 o'clock train. He is such a good man that we like him very much. We were sorry when he left us. I received a letter from my wife, also a parcel from Bombay.

