

work has considerably improved since his return from Europe. He put his colours very thin and that he says is how Whistler¹²³ paints.

Saturda~ 2nd F ebruar~ 1901

Early this morning finished and posted a reply to Mr G. Parameswaran Pillai¹²⁴ now in London. Today being Queen Empresse's funeral, all shops are closed and business suspended entirely. In the evening drove through the crowded but dull city to the Queen's statue at the foot of which many people had placed beautiful wreaths. There was a large crowd around the Cathedral where The Governor was present at the service.

5unda~ 3rd F ebruar~ 1901

We secured a Jew to sit to my brother for a painting for the approaching Fine Art's Exhibition here. His nose was rather crooked at the tip. Otherwise he is a fine specimen of an old Jew. A rupee and a half is his fee for each day's sitting. He is a good and steady model. He has promised to bring a Jewess also.

Monda~ 4th F ebruar~ 1901

Messers Schleicher and Gerhardt who had arrived the previous day called in the morning. The former said he was trying for money. I and Shriram went to Mr Dixit the solicitor whom Ms Vishnu Pant had recommended to us and explained to him the terms of the proposed sale. Shriram representing Schleicher's interest. We promised to meet again the day at 5 with Schleicher.

T uesda~ 5th F ebruar~ 1901

According to promise I went to Mr Dixit's office at 5 but neither Schleicher nor Shriram was there. At 8 p.m. Anant had come and told us that Schleicher was still prepared to buy the Press bur as he could not realize the money he requested for the postponement of the signing of the agreement. Mr Dixit showed me the draft he had prepared. Shriram came afterwards. We left without settling anything.

Wednesda~ 6th F ebruar~ 1901

Mr Gerhardt came in the morning and assisted me in our picture of the 'Winnowing'. In the afternoon the Jew and the Jewess came and sat. The Jewess is an elderly woman and not good looking but had the real type of face peculiar to them. Their picture will be grand when finished. Mr Ponnuswamy called in the evening. Bapuji also came a little earlier. He has invited us for the wedding in his house tomorrow.

