



the passenger train at 9.15 a.m. At Jolarpet a young Bengali got into the same compartment as myself He said he was a disciple of Swami Vivekananda and he looked from his calm demeanour and dress to be an ascetic. He was barely twenty and was tall and handsome. He gave me a print of the likeness of his Guru.

Monda~ 12th August 190 I

Arrived at Shoranur at 8.30 a.m. today. Took meal at the Kovila

Kamor palace and started for Trichur, we in tongas and luggage and servants in bullock carts. The railway work to Trichur not yet finished. They say that line will be open in January next. At present journey very tedious. Arrived at Trichur in the evening at 6, but no cabin-boat has arrived from Quilon. Compelled therefore to stay at the late Dewan's house. Servants and luggage arrived very late at night and so we got our supper only at 11.

T uesda~ 17th August 1 90 I

At about 2 p.m. today we left Trichur in canoes, the cabin-boat not having arrived. But scarcely had we proceeded ten miles before we discerned a white sail in the distance and at once made sure that it was our boat. How glad we were to exchange the dirty and leaky canoe for the spacious house-boat. We did not halt at night, but made straight for Cochin.

W ednesda~ j 4th August 190 j

We halted this morning at Cochin, before dinner we had a ride in a pushpUSH168 to British Cochin and back to the Synagogue of the Jews. In the evening we reached Vaicom where we bathed and visited the temple. The Tahsildar Mr Pappu Pillai came to see us and we had a long conversation about the events that had lately taken place in Trivandrum. We left after supper.

Thursda~ 15th August I 901

We reached Ambalapuzha this morning. The Tahsildar (acting) Mr Sankaranarayana Iyer came to see us. We left after a late breakfast for Mavelikara-but as the whole country was under water the boats grounded frequently on the embankments of the fields and the rowers were not quite sure of the way within. We had to sleep without any supper, the boat arriving at Mavelikara a little after midnight.

F rida~ 16th August I 90 I

We landed early this morning and went straight to Ulsavamodam when we learnt that Brother's youngest daughter and her husband were alone there. I was glad to meet my elder brother Ittikomer169 who had written to me that he was shortly going to Kilimanur. The day was wet and raining.

