

which is one of the best in India. it is very extensive and contains trees of every kind. The Royal Palmaspecies of gigantic arec-nut trees [areca nut palm] were conspicuous by their extraordinary size.

Monday: 11th March 1895

In the morning visited the Zoo which is decidedly the best in India both as regards the number of animals and the excellent way in which they are housed. J.M. Doctor, the Parsee gentlemen who has come from Bombay to study and introduce to the Victoria Gardens the arrangement of the Calcutta Zoo, took us round and showed all the houses. In the evening visited Messers Thackere Spink & Co. and at night left for Allahabad by the mail. A smart shower is starting. The Maharaja followed the prince to the station to see him off.

Tuesday: 12th March 1895

Broke journey at Patna while the servants went to Bankipur a few miles off to get our breakfast ready. The station master who was a jolly old man told us that the town was a filthy and dirty one not worth a visit and yet we hired a carriage and drove to the town only to find that the station master was right in his opinion of the town. There is a line of Tramway through the principal streets and I doubt if it [+++]. Returned to Bankipur at 11 and after breakfast left in the afternoon at 4 by passenger. Also [+++] travelled with us who was a violinist and he amused us at night by a performance.

Wednesday: 17th March 1895

Arrived at Allahabad at 4 in the morning. H.H. bathed and performed all ceremonies at the junction of the Ganges and the Jammuna where the white muddy water of the former mixed with the dark blue stream of the latter. In the evening visited the Thornhill and Mayne [Memorial] a Library which contains a good collection of books [,] next the Mayo Hall [,] a fine building, the College and the University buildings where there was a statue of Lord Mayo and a bust of A.S. Harrison the former Principal. Next drove to the Khusru Bagh with two or three old tombs and through the town returned home. The streets were crowded by a busy throng and presented a lovely sight.

Thursday: 18th March 1895

The Dharmashala where we had put up is a large quadrangular building with rooms all round for travellers. In the front portion of the building is an upper story with a furnished hall and sleeping apartments which are reserved for respectful gentlemen. We occupied this part of the building. The Dharmashala was built by the late Mr Gokuldas Tippal[?] of Bombay for the convenience of Hindu high caste pilgrims. We were very comfortable here.

