

recently. It is built on the site where Sakya Sinha⁵⁹ performed his tapas or penance. There is also the peepul tree.⁶⁰ A dispute between the Mahant & Oharmapal⁶¹ is going on about an image. The temple is really interesting. We started for Bankipur at about 11 and arrived there at about 2. The interior of the house were [sic] utilized for a drive to the Ganges very broad here. The town is not large. Patna is the principal town of the district. Left at 6 by rail for Calcutta.

Saturda~ 2nd March 1895

Arrived at Howrah early in the morning and at half way was met by the Maharaja of Vijayanagaram who welcomed the prince to his bungalow heartily. In the afternoon visited the Museum,⁶² the largest in India. Then drove to the riverside where large numbers of steamers were lying at anchor. The Maidan or Charangi [Chowringhee] is a vast plain with several statues on it lined by gigantic buildings. We found that the streets were not so well watered or cleaned as those of Bombay. We returned home by Old Court House Street and Bow Bazar. At night we went to the Royal Theater with the Maharaja and saw a performance by Hudson's surprise party.

Sunda~ 3rd March 1895

In the evening drove through the city but did not visit any particular place. A comparison between the city of the rising sun and the city of the setting sun shows that the latter is far more cleanly [sic] and the streets look more lively on account of the variety of colours. In the Calcutta streets we see only bare headed men and no women. At night the Maharaja left for Benaras.

Monda~ 4th March j 895

In the morning H.H. went by the train to Diamond Harbour where the Hugly is very broad through there were not any big steamers. This is the entrance to the River from the sea. The sun was very hot. After return visited a great portion of the town. At night there was a dance called Khimta by two Bengali girls; but it was not much relished.

Tuesda~ 5th March j 895

At 4 p.m. we started for Oarjilling from Sealda by E.B. Railway. We passed over very flat country with mango, supari and other trees. Reached Oamukdia Ghaut at about 8. The river is about 2 miles broad and it was crossed in a steamer which was crowded with passengers and luggage. At Sara Ghaut we got into the narrow gauge section of the Railway. It took about 25 minutes to cross the river. It was a moonlight [sic] night and the scene was grand. Oamukdia Ghaut is 120 miles from Calcutta.

