

Wednesda~ 27th Februar~ J 901

We arrived at Ahmedabad in the morning at about 9.20. Drove to the house of Mr Chinabhai Madhavalal whose guests we are. In the afternoon Mr Chimanlal called and gave us four orders for portraits. In the evening we called on him and saw Master Ambalal the boy whose portrait we are to paint.

Thursda~ 28th F ebruar~ J 901

Mr Chinabhai who has an excellent library gave Cassel's new illustrated edition of the 'National Gallery' 125 for us to see. We found them very interesting. In the morning the boy Ambalal and his guardian came to settle the time for the former's sitting. He is a very fair and handsome boy of about 12.

Frida~ J st March J 90 J

We commenced this morning the boy's portrait, a half length. It is very promising. The boy is the son of the late Mr Sarabhai a rich Jain who died young. His portrait has to be painted by us. In the evening we drove to the Muncipal Hall and the Kankiria Tank.

Saturda~ 2nd March J 901

This morning we began an other half length of Ms Madhavalal Ramhorilal-Mr Chinubhai's father, an old gentlemen of 60. In the afternoon painted the green velvet coat of the boy Ambalal and his background. The whole picture is soft and harmonious. Only the face and hands remain to be finished.

Sunda~ 3rd March J 901

This morning gave the first coat of colour to Ms Madhavalal's face. Next we went to his house in the city partaking of a truly superior feast, we shall never again go to another. We could like none of the dishes. We returned home with a disordered stomach and very thirsty. The heat is daily increasing; a light shower of rain fell this evening and it was welcome. Received telegram from Mathai-he was suffering only from ordinary fever.

Monda~ +th March J 90 J

My brother suffered last night from cough and felt feverish. This morning we could not do usual work. Brother took a light purgative. In the afternoon his temperature rose to 102 and in the evening it was 104[.] He has aching in the limbs. It is all due to the exposed position in which he slept last night. Mr Chinubhai's family doctor has prescribed a mixture for him. Today in the evening Holi-fire was lit here as in other families.

