

Tanjore Girlslo who draw a salary of Rs 500 per mensem. The nautch which was very good lasted till 11.

Sunda~ 20th januar~ J 895

At day break drove to Mohanpura to see a cheetah hunt. 11 We had to drive in bullock tongas¹² for nearly four miles to reach the jungle where we saw large herds of deer grazing. The cheetahs or leopards which were driven in carts before us were let loose and they made a few bounds after a herd; but the deer were too fast for them. This was what we had really wanted. While we got an idea of the sport, we were saved the pain of seeing the innocent creatures killed by the cheetahs. Visited the splendid palace and gardens of Mohanpura. The Gaikwar¹³ returned in the morning from Europe.

Monda~ 2 J st januar~ j 895

In the afternoon at 3 we visited the silver and gold guns,¹⁴ Palace and the State Jewels which it is said have been estimated at 10 crore of rupees. Next the Shri Sayaji Library was visited. At 4 punctually H.H. paid a visit to the Maharaja by appointment. H.H. The Gaikwar was very plainly dressed in white and had an emerald necklace round his neck. The conversation which lasted for 20 or 25 minutes was very pleasant. At about 5 H.H. called on the Resident Col. U. J Biddulph who said he was shortly retiring. Returned home after seeing H.H's Saloon Carriages.

T uesda~ 22nd januar~ J 895

We were up at 5 and drove to the station at 6.15, but on arrival there learnt that the train would be late by an hour. At 7.30 started for Ahmedabad which was reached at 10.30. In the afternoon visited Jama Masjid, passed through the [+++] and Bhadur Citadel to the [+++] Bridge over Sabramati. Next drove to Shah Alum the tomb of a saint and then to the Kankaria Tank with a pretty garden in the middle. Ahmedabad is a busy town and market next to Bombay.

Wednesda~ 2)rdjanuar~ J 895

In the morning at 9 we paid a visit to the Jain Temple¹⁵ built at a cost of 10 lakhs of rupees by the father of J aising [+++] the architecture is purely Hindu and extremely beautiful. There is a large Jain population in the town. Next went to the factory owned by the same gentlemen where beautiful wood carving is turned out. A certain gentlemen [sic] on seeing our thick woolen overcoats and cashmere head dresses jokingly observed to another that we appeared to be bent on a Himalayan expedition. Left Ahmedabad at 3 p.m. for Ajmere.

