

Delhi & the places in that direction - It seems to me I shall hardly get through all that land out of Calcutta by the end of the 2nd week in /71 but unless I do I shall not leave Ceylon in February I fear and then the journey to New Zealand via Australia as I think tonight will take 6 weeks at the very least if not more. I cannot quite tell yet - & a month with Uncle Norton & Joanie between them & 6 or 8 weeks homewards makes not much short of 20 weeks from the time I leave Ceylon - It is a long extension of the 6 or 7 months I talked of when I started but I feel as if it would be foolish to pass by Australia altogether & as if less than a month in New Zealand & less than a fortnight's extension of the San Francisco & New York journey would also be mistaken economy of time at any rate I can hardly at present tell how my funds will last but if the hospitality I have met with hitherto lasts & I am told it will in India & Ceylon at any rate & it certainly will in New Zealand and would I think at Sydney as I have an old friend there from Etowah. I may hope to get to New Zealand at any rate without a crisis - I have spent a very jolly week with Jim - I think we both enjoyed it much. He prophesied this 'touch of liver' but I was all right till he was gone. He seemed lively enough but is very badly not a bit tanned. I don't know whether I shall be able to get any photographs of the ship.

My post mistress may tell you my regret I shall address at any time if you have time to write. I think that after Christmas Galle will be safe till the end of January & then care of Joanie at Zealand or else Melbourne or Sydney. I post this to day in order not to forget it or miss the mail as I shall be sailing & busy this week. Ahmedabad
Guzerat
Nov 27/870
A Great Sunday

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This letter will I suppose just about reach you on Christmas Day at any rate it must be in that week so I must first wish you and all with you a happy Christmas, the first I have not spent with you since we were at Pan. By the bye if Aunt Agnes ^{is with you} will you tell her that in reading the service (to myself) this morning (there being only evening service here) I noticed that it was exactly 10 years ago ^{today} she gave me the prayerbook I read in. I think it was the day before we started for Pan - I wonder if she remembers giving it me. I am staying here (now for the 3rd day) with Frank Melvill the Judge here. This is the headquarters of ~~Ahmedabad~~ ^{Guzerat} so it is a high position being the chief civil office of the Northern Division of the province. His brother is a Judge of the High Court in Bombay - They are sons of the Canon of St Pauls who was once the

Principal of Haileybury - They are very able men. & this one a very charming fellow as well, unmarried, living with a Major Cooper (Deputy Judge Advocate of the Northern Division) a jolly fellow. I don't know the other Melvill except by sight. He is very highly spoken of - (I hear of a 3rd eldest in Scinde) This morning starting before sunrise I walked out to Khirkhej. With him we came back on camels as the sun was by that time too hot to walk quite safely. esp: as I have been smuggling with my bread & butter for the last two days but that is all right it was what they call a "touch of liver" we got back to breakfast. That place Khirkhej has given me a better idea of what the magnificence of the great palaces must have been. There were several tombs with domes & gilt tops and marble windows of perforated marble in the most beautiful & varied designs all white & mostly patterns of flowers or else geometrical. (Mahomedan places have no animals. Hindu places, animals & men almost entirely. except some stereotyped shapes of ornaments) Then there was a mosque all either white marble or whitened stone with about a dozen domes big & little. Besides these there were galleries belonging to parts of the palace & the Harem & some terraces all white or originally so. These were ranged round a huge tank about 150 yards square that is, a good deal larger than

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Tomb Quad - There were stepped sides all round except in one or two places where parts of the mosque or of the Palace opened on the Tank - When we were there about an hour after sunrise (i.e. 7.45.) at a lot of men & women were washing, themselves & their clothes, & turbans 30 yards long & more were unrolled drying on the steps but they added rather than diminished the effect - one could see in places the plain with palm trees & bananas &c beyond - It is the best thing in India I have yet seen - But they say there are far better in store for me "on the other side" as they call Bengal. I intend to get as many photographs of what I see as I can which are worth having. This place is thickly surrounded with old tombs, mosques, palaces, Hindu & Jain temples &c it would take months to see them all. Melvill who is most hospitable has taken or sent me the all that are most worth seeing - So tomorrow (Monday 28th November) I start early (6.30.) to get back to Bombay where I sleep (arriving at 10 p.m.) tomorrow & Tuesday night & then I clear out of Bombay and stop 1st at Jubbalpoor for a night or two & then I think go to Mrs Waghorn at Mysapore whose advice I shall take as to my further plans for

with the most primitive plough & a yoke of oxen.
enclosed by more coolies working an agricultural
steam engine. So in the towns house after house
is full of men & women in exactly the same habits
& style of life as they must have been when the first
European set foot in the town so the ^{Hindu} temple built
20 years ago is only in better repair than the rest
but precisely the same in the details the figure drawing
of which there is so much is quite babyish in its absurdity
blackened eyebrows & moustaches on figures of the worst
proportions ^{than} not otherwise coloured. There is not a
symptom of missionary work here except two
Unit. presbyterians & Melville speaks of them as
very unsatisfactory - Though I believe there is a
missionary school somewhere well attended as is the
government school from the intense desire to
learn English. But I suppose that caste is still
too strong. Some people say that it is losing rather
than holding its ground but that the result is ~~not~~
not in many cases more than rejection of their
own superstition some few becoming Muslims.
At Surat the missionary school does not go in
for proselytism so much as education if they
did they would simply lose their pupils -
I hear of a school here for little Rajahs I met
one yesterday such a jolly little man eleven years
old and such a Rajah, sabre gold cloth turban & all
& he spoke like a bit of royalty but with good English

The Rajahs who are minors are wards of govern-
ment. Of course if Uncle Arthur Mills is
with you I speak under correction of that
"burra sahib" who I believe knows more
about India than half the men who have
been out here & I mean what I say as I have
said it. I stayed with the Judge (Newham) of
Surat & every question I asked about natives or
anything out of his metier was beyond him but
he was a clever fellow & well up to his work -
They are all young men, I mean under forty - It is
curious how the Parsees have gone ahead of all
the rest. And yet in a Govt school I saw
at Surat there were boys who had been
learning English 7 months who could read &
write far better in every way than most
English boys at village schools & had more
intelligence than average English boys of their
age. 11-12 - One ^{in another class} did a problem of Euclid
at sight proving the right propositions and
all correct in English without hesitation & it was
not by rote for I walked in unexpectedly with
the inspector & we did a lot of history & geography
besides before the Euclid & then the inspector
drew two or three lines on a black board &
said to the boys one after another Prove - this one
They were mostly Brahmin boys of about 15 - They
were well up in the seat of war - But the Sahib

When they all salame & say that this intelligence
does not grow beyond a certain point - certainly
the Parsees beat them & they themselves say we
beat them in everything but music & painting - I
have spoken about the painting I need say nothing
about the music. And yet natives make excellent
bandmen & are rarer to teach than Europeans.
And for art imitation there is no nation like them.
Their mechanical skill must have been immense
to have executed the designs I see wherever I go.
Of course I do not forget that this is only at the
end of my first month but wrong or right the
impressions themselves are worth telling you about
even if at the end of next month I contradict them
all. As everywhere so here the more I see the less
I seem to have seen at any rate in proportion to
what there is to see: and certainly the more grateful
I am for having had the opportunity of seeing it for
I am sure that no amount of reading & wondering
bring one face to face with the different kind of
ideas that prevail out here and I rather fancy I shall
find the same in "the colonies" - Well this is a long
rodomontade without telling you much but I thought
you would like to hear what I am thinking about
& how I am getting on which is, I think, very well.
I think being alone esp. with all this hospitality is stim-
ulating rather than otherwise & certainly independent
in most ways. I am so glad to hear of your
visit to Holnicote for I know how the people up
there longed to see you - I hope you will be having
a gathering - Sir & I drank "absent friends" the
other day - Give my love to them all for loving you
(H.D. Akland)

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Scenery but I think if I can you will appreciate
it thoroughly I have hardly had a single chance
of sketching - The middle of the day is too hot
unless one had a tent & I have not - & so also
the mornings & evenings are wanted for what
there is to do of locomotion and sight-seeing
at each place. But even if I had I could have
given no idea of the height & depth & steepness
of the sides together with the variety of the trees
& the level tablelands & the distance of the plains.
The whole of Gujarat is as level as a die except
a mound or two - (there might be a dozen perhaps)
about the height of the "Dunes" so that the
character is different enough here but very beautiful
in the evening & mornings are the numerous
domed tombs & temples dotted about among
the trees - The trees are park like. The cactuses
(for there is a great deal of cultivation) one does
not notice much for they are affected by cactus
hedges by thick stiff prickly & therefore as good
as a high wall for fencing: but so low & promiseless
as to attract no attention except by the road.
I am much puzzled by the stagnation of the native
habits & customs in spite of the vicinity of the
English for so long - You may see coolies men
& women working in the most primitive way.

AKLAND

Benares (Kannoonah) Sacred city -
Monkey temple. astronomy
Sacred monkey. Sundial
Water mirror
Astrology -

Burningham -
Fakir - arm up - measure his length.
Ganges pilgrims - washing in
praying to
Started Patna, Arrah, 4 days journey 300 miles
4.35 a.m. 31st Dec 1870
arrives 6.30 1st Jan 1871 Howrah
Crossed to Calcutta.

Calcutta - Chowringhee Maidan -
China bazaar
Soot house. Adiputant birds -
Barrackpore -
Snake charmer

Snipe shooting - tiger shooting. ^{Chyandars} Home
Baboo Mullick's art treasures. ^(Muggers)

Journey to Madras
Karam Tyaga -

India -
Bombay - describe town

Traders together
Variety of dress
Turban colours
Climate punkahs puggies mosquitoes
Tailor - Beef & Mutton train
Water from reservoir at Yamah
Caste - halalcores
Elephanta caves - in Jamsetjee
Watch man

Mathuran - Wages of coolies -
"sticks & stones" scorpion -
glow caterpillar white ants -

Poonah - Ghats railway -
Railway carriages - 2 stories -
How a Hindu catches a train

Carli Cave - Timber roof 2000 years old -
Trace of Buddhist religion arab Elephant
Back to Bombay -

Ahmedabad L. (18 hours) Ayahs Well
Hindu temple Mahomedan mosque
tombs &c
Perforated marble screens -
Khirkhey palace round tank 150 yards
square white marble - Back to Calcutta.

Jubbulpore - 18 hours (rain & indigo & cotton)

Marble rocks - Monkeys
Parsees (coniji & shabaji)

Mandel Moghul castle on two
boulders of granite

Thingjee & Dakhoitee prison

2000 in it

make Persian carpets tents tatelcloth
inmates never released as they go

back to old ways -

~~Mirzapore~~ shell lac & lake dye factory
Sir John Wemyss

Allahabad (scaffolding) appeal court
Aroka's pillar

Delhi (Ind Forbes story) Jamsetjee's shop
Delhi palace

old Delhi Kotub 300 ft high red sandstone

Jumping Well 50 ft to water
20 ft of water

Umballa coach to Kalka

ride for 3 days from Larowdie
by Kukke Chuttee Sabato

Simla - Canowri log - goats, tea bricks
& borax
(Baharunpore)

Agra Taj Mahal -

Motee Imjid

Itimud oo Dowlah

Secundra Bagh - Akbars tomb 1592

(Elizabeth
Spanish Armada)

Futtetpore Sikri

Transl. of forjels into Persian

Fair going on

Frescoes of Akbar's subjects
by Persian artists

(Chart of Bristol Channel)
in the hotel.

Echoss in the Taj -

Canowri Monument on well -

Lucknow City of palaces

Residency Luckhena Banqueting hall
(cellar) (hospital)

Here lies Sir H Lawrence who tried
to do his duty.

Skinner Bagh Depoy & Depoy
(Forbes lunch) Martimere
Christine Munail

Nana (Dona Depoy) telegraph

Elephant

Madras

Marrulak boats 25ft x 9 wide 7 deep
+ 3 log canoes -

Dumree - "Dis" berry tree place all robber men

Call on Zemindar of Ani -

with Sathianatha to Conjeveram (Kunja Puram)
little school masters offer of curry & rice

Procession

Jyegernath cars Goppyrams
Shiva Mutt

Trichinopoly & Tanjore -
Rajah, library - Temple on rock
Vishnavite

Heber's grave

Journey to Mysore - Braddock lost -
Young Princes cricket
schooling riding

Back also -
Back & start by Hindost P.O's.

During Post meeting their dog -

Galle Harbour - Bath -

Bentota to Colombo -

Buddhist, Dagoba - (= Pagoda)

Historical painting, ^{contemplation on palm tree}
architecture

Saffron colour robes:

seven heads relief

Vestments

Kelanyia -

(Col Drew -

An acre grows 75 coconut palms.

tree bears 4 times a year 20 mts each time

an acre produces 6000 mts a year worth 645/-

rent is abt 3/- a year.

Coconut juice & porter.

Coffee factory

parahmatta peeled off
by roller
sorted in sizes

railroad up to Hillegalla 800 ft above the
jungle -
sensation point - creepers

Gigantic bamboo -

Buddha's tooth shrine. necklace
50 lbs weight

Coffee plantations
Lime pipes

Quinine plantation
Cinchona

Redrotalga galle 8 295 ft high -

Ferns white violets Rhododendron -