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Calcutta
14th June 1900

My dear Pippa

The result of the great boat race has been the unfortunate one that we were defeated. It was a most exciting race neck & neck the whole way and the B N R won by 2 feet.

The canal bank was lined with excited spectators who quite forgot they were members of Calcutta Society and yelled and cheered

quite like human beings.

After this friendly context the two crews dined together at the Bengal Club and scandalised the members of that respectable community by their convivial proceedings. It is intended to make it an annual event.

A public holiday was proclaimed throughout India on Monday to celebrate the taking of Pretoria - Great preparations were made for torchlight bands to play

in the evening opposite Lord Roberts's statue which was decked out with flags and laurel crowns, but unluckily it poured with rain and the whole performance was spoilt.

I think I am going to Dinapore on Sunday to see Oliver - Ding told me the other day that he was getting on rather well "takes an interest in his work"!

I was thinking of stopping

at Paris on my way
home for a day or two
to view the E. V. but
now I think I shall go
straight on - We might
go over and look at it
later on -

Water tank

Yr loving brother

Ralph

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