Sec. iii] VISIT TO MIĀNWĀLĪ AND START FOR PERSIAN MAKRĀN 69 arrangements, and this made me appreciate all the more the advantages which the Miānwālī head-quarters afforded in respect of telegraphic and postal communication. The hoped-for visits to reported sites in the district as well as to Mount Sakēsar, the highest point of the Salt Range now within easy reach, had, of course, to be abandoned.

A long railway journey brought us by the morning of December 30th to Karachi. There the remaining few days were fully occupied in the work of securing Persian visas, passports for surveyor and servants, excavation equipment, &c., and, last but not least, the funds required. Anxiety about Dr. Fábri, who had been attacked by bronchitis at Miānwālī, was fortunately soon removed, as he had benefited greatly by a few days' good rest. But it was a relief when the strain of all those hurried arrangements was ended and we found ourselves on the morning of January 3rd, 1932, safely embarked with all our impedimenta on board the S.S. *Baroda*.