

Wednesday.

5th Jan' 27.

The only unusual event today was Baba and a few of the mandali going to Visapur in the afternoon at one thirty o'clock for a motor spin. The party however came back to Faizabad at about four o'clock. One of the visitors today, Rustamji Irani from Bombay, was also taken to Visapur and left there to catch the evening train for Bombay.

Thursday.

6th Jan' 27.

Being Thursday, today, there were many visitors to Baba from the city and the local village. Bhanshebi's musical Bhajan also took place in the afternoon.

Cricket was played in the evening. After supper the gramophone was played for sometime when Waman Dani, some other mandali members and a few of the school boys gave some songs too. After the Arti at 8.30. the activities of the day came to an end.

7th Jan' 27.

Since Padri was laid up through indisposition and and Patil and Bapu had not come as usual from the village a scarcity of the water supply was felt acutely all round this morning. When Behramji reported the situation to Baba a meeting was immediately called forth.

Behramji then drew the attention of all to the fact that the mandali was practically doing nothing these days. The corn was ground by the women in the village. The bread was prepared by the Ladies. The water was fetched by Patil and his assistants and so on. At first Baba offered Himself to cook the bread with the assistance of Gustadji but the proposal was dropped as none of the mandali appreciated it. The bread work was thus allowed to be carried on as usual by the Ladies, but some different duties were fixed for the respective members under different heads.

Saturday

8th Jan' 27.

There was a meeting in the evening when Shri enjoined upon all to do the daily meditation upon God with a heart and soul. "Think of one thing only - God - and remain in a fixed position throughout the meditation without fidgetting. Let the name of the Lord abide on your lips and all thoughts about Him. If the mind began to wander inspite of it all, don't stop trying to concentrate upon God. Strive on at the aim and you will see me in my true form and also experience many spiritual phenomena" was the main burden of His patient and prolonged gesturing.

The supper was distributed amongst the mandali by Baba with His own hands. Rishal committed a mistake when Shri got excited and caused him to

to throw away the food. However a peaceful atmosphere was soon re-established and Gopal was again served with the food by Baba.

Sun. 9. 1. 27

It was a very busy day for all. The whole of the Mess-quarters were cleaned and white washed under Baba's personal supervision and thanks to the same the work was completed within one day. Baba personally distributed the food to the mandali both the times today. In view of Shri's declaration to remain quite passive as regards His own birthday celebrations and that none was to ask Him anything in the matter, the mandali formed a meeting of their own after the Arti. The question of appointing a committee amongst themselves, collecting funds, and thinking out of the possible donors were the chief subjects discussed and ~~mostly~~ partly decided upon. Baba arranged for some of the village boys suitable services in the city and for some others facilities for their education today.

Mon. 10. 1. 27

While instructing a reply to Pilarmi at Karachi ~~to~~ for her recent letter Baba asked 'Champi' to also ask her to come on the coming Birthday when perhaps He may return with her to Karachi! For Surendra Dassai was also sent a reply on behalf of Baba today for his latest letter and ~~sent~~ some lockets rings and 'Ghooni Ash' were also sent to him.

In the evening at about six o'clock Baba and mandali went out for a walk returning back to the colony by nine in the night. After the usual Arti all went to bed.

Tues. 11. 1. '27.

A Day Of Visits!

RIDGE'S ROAD, P. O. AHMEDNAGAR
(MAHARASHTRA) INDIA

Soon after the morning tea Baba and most of the mandali started out for Ahmednagar. The first place visited there was Kaka Shah's ~~place~~ house. Shri and party stayed here for nearly ^{three} hours from 9 o'clock till the noon. They all were served ^{here} with a special tasty dinner.

The next visit was at Rayas place. Here again the mandali were provided with light refreshments and a *Arti* was also recited by all. The third and fourth houses were those of Chintamani and Laxminarao's where also Baba sat for sometime and accepted refreshments.

The photographer's place was also visited. Here Shri sat for two snap shots. The last place went to was the Khwarsa Quarters. At all these places Shri was very cordially received and there was quite a throng of people anxious for a Darshan. The fact of Shri's return to Nukherabad again, thus came publicly to be known all over the city, giving a serious blow to all sorts of silly and mischievous rumours that had spread out after Beta's dramatic departure from Nukherabad last month.

From the mandali's point of view too, the trip was very enjoyable and pleasant. The frequent refreshments and sweets eaten with a vengeance by the mandali threatened many of them with serious indigestion. It was nearly three o'clock in the afternoon when the party came back at Nukherabad with bulgy bellies and smiling faces. Baba soon passed word that those who had accompanied Him should observe a fast for the rest of the day! While Shri distributed sweets and other eatables very liberally amongst those of the mandali who had remained in the colony attending their duties.