

Thursday }
19th May '27 }

There were the usual 'Thursday' visitors to Shri and also Bhassahib's musical Bhajan took place today. In the morning in company of a few mandali members Baba motored to the city and gave His august presence in the 'Thread Ceremony' at one of His devotee's place. The party returned back to Dherabad by eleven o' clock. In the afternoon while sitting with Mr Satha and ^{some} relations who had come from some out-stations Baba sent for the mandali to distribute the sweets that the visitors had brought with them amongst the members. 'Chanji and Dhakay were late in obeying the call, and this did not go unnoticed by Shri. In spite of their explanations for being late, Baba conveyed that such explanations that the mandali gives every now and then for breaking the orders will not do. The order was disobeyed and so all of them must go back empty handed as they had come. However with this rebuke the mandali was again recalled and liberally presented with the sweets.

Again there was some trouble about the new Ashram-applications that arrived from the press. Baba 'said' there was no proper indication for the applicant to put his signature on in these ~~present~~ printed forms although three or four of the mandali had scrutinized the proofs twice over. 'Chanji tried to argue the point and maintained that there was no need for any such indications, but he had to give in, as all the mandali agreed with Baba that the ~~of~~ word 'signature' ought to be added in bracket at the end of the contents. And as poor 'Chanji was ordered to type out the 'addition' on all the thousand forms. But within a few minutes 'Chanji and party came back to Shri

as they thought inspite of adding 'signature' in bracket, the words 'yours faithfully' should be typed in. Baba granted the request, but also happened to look at one of the forms in the hands of Vishnoo that had gone stained with the marks of sweets that had just been distributed.

Shri became very angry and conveyed to Vishnoo to be very careful in all he did adding "these printed forms have cost money, and the mandali should have some sense of shame (मरु अरुत नरुत)" This last remark refered to the unnecessary wastage as much as to the disrespect shown by some while discussing with Shri in the matter of that omission in the printed forms.

This was one of Shri's tactful ways of making killing two birds at a stone, rebuking the guilty party and at the same time bringing others to their senses who might be equally responsible but having sensitive natures.

It was nearly dusk when 'Chanji finished up typing the "yours faithfully" on all the forms, but instead of getting some appreciation for his hard work, he unfortunately, again came in for a "stiff dose" from Baba. It happened this way.

Just as he finished typing at the type-writer 'Chanji heard himself being called-out by Padri on behalf of Baba, amongst many more of the mandali who were also summoned away.

Taking this to be as the preliminary call for the usual "night club" (Story telling etc) he did not obey it instantly but instead went to have his supper. Hardly had he finished

taking a few morsels of the food that a second call from Baba reached him. This time he lost no time and at once ran over to Baba, perhaps thinking, ~~to~~ that his hard job at the type-writer will be appreciated. But quite to the contrary it was a thunderbolt that greeted ^{him} no sooner that he came in Baba's sight. "Why did you not come the first time when called upon to do so" was the terse question conveyed to 'Chanji' by Baba who also appeared to be in a serious mood. Without letting him finish his lame apology, Baba reminded him ~~to the~~ "no explanations" discussion that took place this afternoon and added "Explanations will not do - It is ^{time} for punishment. For one month hence, you do not take my Darsans and also not to look at me intentionally" For some minutes 'Chanji' was stupefied into a Marble-Statue, all the blood having gone down from his features and the tongue getting ~~just~~ glued between his close set teeth. But this did not go on for long. Within five minutes Baba let go his mask of seriousness, and with a smiling face granted a free pardon to the highly "Ghabrified" 'Chanji', ~~when the latter was~~ who ^{then} reached Baba's feet with a bound and forgot ~~to~~ all about his dilemma in an outburst of deep devotion and repentance.

From this time the atmosphere remained very cheerful throughout. Abdulla's telegram received from Poona earlier in the day, about the new boy Burjor, was then read before all. The very short message contained therein "Boy dangerous" evoked a good laugh at first followed by a discussion as to the extent of the boy's mischievous character. However the

matter was left pending by the time a detailed letter was received from Abdulla.

After the usual story-telling all were ordered to bed at eleven o'clock.

The facts gathered from Baily today about Shri's early life, when shown to Shri, Baba conveyed that He would add some more to them Himself; and while discussing the question of His biography He also approved the plan of including some of His Devine Explanations therein and ~~at~~ the book being dedicated to His parents. Baily left Meherabad this evening for Poona, and it appeared from his talk that he did not approve of the Biography being published so soon as that under contemplation.

Friday. } Ashram Discipline.
20th May '27. } The Ashramites were found a few minutes late in coming to the school this morning; and when this was reported to Baba, Shri ordered a fast for them all.

The authorities were instructed not to give supper to the boys this evening and tea the following morning, as they (the boys) had intentionally got late through loitering and playing while on the way to school.

Internal Energy.

Baba was pleased to talk through His usual signs and gesture to Gnr Vinayak for sometime this morning. Vinayak is a ~~friend~~ friend of Vishnuo and a student of a medical college at Bombay and is here since the last

few days, having come for Shri's Darchan as well as to look up his friend. In ^{the} course of the conversation Virayak badly criticized the present Medical Examinations and even alleged that in some cases unwarranted partiality was shown by the examiners through caste and religious prejudices as well for monetary considerations. He almost seemed disappointed at the prospect of the examinations through such real or imagined difficulties. But Shri asked him not to lose courage and go on trying his best at his studies. The topic then turned to the last Birthday festivities. Virayak said the activity, energy and enthusiasm found amongst the mandali workers in carrying out the heavy programme that day looked quite super-natural, particularly when one is aware ~~the~~ with the simple food and plain living of the mandali. Specially the feeding of about four thousand people that the mandali carried out in the open sun without the least sign of fatigue, indifference or displeasure for hours together left him dumb-founded that day. So he ventured to ask Baba directly as to whence all this energy and enthusiasm in the mandali came from. "Internally given" conveyed Baba in reply to his great amazement and concluded "ॐ सर्वत्र ज्ञानं ज्ञानं ॐ नमः".

Saturday }
21st May '27 }

The 'Labha' Dispute.

In connection with the assault of the poor young girl the other day by Labhaji's relation, and the machinery of law that has been seriously set in motion through Rustomji's influence in this case,

Labhaji, a number of relatives and friends and the accused all came to see Baba this morning.

Shri granted them a private interview in the Principal's Office in the presence of some of the mandali members, and patiently heard out their vehement appeals for the case to be compounded.

But Baba insisted upon them to approach the girl herself and her parents and first win over their pardon through persuasions, apologies, and even a substantial recompensation in cash and then come to Him. He will not only get them free of the legal tangle but also provide a paying job to the accused and if the girl is still willing to get them together and let them live here at Ancherabad if not they will also be helped to get the marriage annulled. And inspite of further protests and appeals from the deputation, Baba somehow made them agree to approach the girl and her parents and with this decision the deputation went away.