

Love For Mandali.

Thurs. 23rd April '25.

Amongst the large number of outsiders that came to see Baba specially ^{today, being} ~~on~~ Thursdays, was one Mr D. R. Angal Vakil. With Baba's permission he gave a learned and interesting discourse on 'Gyaneshri' before the boys. It was so much approved, that Baba asked him to come again on Sunday next and discourse Puran before the boys. Waman who was asked to remain on water for 7 days was found to be observing the fast thoroughly but reduced to a weak condition. Baba cancelled the order for him, and appointed him a teacher, while his name was also changed into Kisen.

Baba came to know that upon learning about his last visit to Bombay, Munshi Ji had left off eating as a protest against Baba not seeing him then.

At this Baba decided to go to Bombay, specially to see Munshi Ji, one of the earliest 'victims' to his Babuship, this evening by the 6.30. train. Before leaving Meherabad Baba asked of the ~~immediate~~ mandali what they wanted him to bring for them from Bombay. Leaving aside the old man of the party - Munshi Ji - what you first and strongest of the party could resist - falling a ~~to~~ prey to Baba's ^{such} powerful weapons of love regard & kindness when ever going ^{to me} on a flying visit - he remembers the rest by asking what he can bring for them?

Sat. 25th April '25

Baba returned from Bombay this morning. The train was managed to be stopped near the encampment and so Baba and party got down right at Meherabad. The first thing Baba did was to go in

in the hospital to see a school boy, lying sick therein.

Then the school premises of C.I. sheets under construction were inspected. Hereafter all were enquired of their health etc and presented with sweet Samosas that Baba had brought from Bombay for the mandali at Vishnoo's request.

Under the request of the village Patel Baba once again allowed the village people to approach him.

But when they came for Darshans many were absent amongst themselves, hence Baba dismissed them again without letting them have his "Darshan".

Puran & Guawalli

Sun. 26th April '25.

As prearranged for Angal Vatal discoursed Puran before the boys in the morning which was interestingly followed by all besides the boys.

Mr Ghani and his brother Mr Abdurrahman had also come since this morning. The latter entertained Baba & mandali with his excellent music after the morning meals. In the afternoon Baba again gave baths to another group of the school boys with his own hands. For nearly four hours Baba was engrossed thus in the hard and filthy work.

In the evening again the villagers of Arangon came to Baba, but were returned back without approaching Baba, who told them that unless they attended the Bhajans, ~~or~~ Kirtans, and Purans they will not be allowed his Darshan.

The Honorary Barber.

28th April '25.

Gustadji had to play the part of a Barber today. Under Baba's instructions, he cut the hairs of some of the boys with a hand machine which had outgrown abnormally. Thereafter again Baba bathed about 30 boys.

The ^{head-} ~~school~~ master of the school at Rahta whom Baba knew since the time he was with Meheraj at Sakri, came for his Darshans. Baba ~~just~~ received him cordially and gave him an exclusive interview also.

Help & Hope.

29th April '25.

Baba heard and compounded a dispute between the local Talati Shankarao and an old widow. Baba made up her debt of 50/- to the Talati and got her back the possession of her land from him. Besides she was given Rs 15/- for her maintenance.

Likewise a ^{young} Chamber ^{student} ~~goat~~ named R. Gadekar who had come to see Baba while on vacation was encouraged and even promised financial help to enable him to proceed with his studies in Poone.

30th April '25.

Baba took a personal examination of the boys and they were found to be progressing excellently.

Besides the hospital was also inspected ^{by Baba} thoroughly as has become the daily feature of every day routine.

Being Thursday, enormous crowds had come ~~for the~~ for Baba's Darshan since early morning. The rush was so much that he could not even ~~not~~ get the

the morning wash, inspite of it cheerfully and cordially talked with all.

In the afternoon Baba went to Dhadu on a flying visit with Rustamji and came back the same evening by the 9.30. train.

1st May '25

~~A~~ Another addition was made in the teaching staff of the school in the person of R. H. Kusmude an Indian Christian by caste and creed. While the mandali was also increased by one, Shriaji the younger brother of Anna (Bro. Nagar Samachar Press) as he had suddenly become unsound in mind. Baba 'prescribed' his near contact for the madness. Some of the boys from the school were, at first, turned out of the institution for fighting amongst themselves but they were subsequently taken in with a serious warning after they had had the fight of their life. The boys were again bathed by Baba.

In the afternoon a pair of old hindoo man + wife came to Baba soliciting financial help to go to Kashi. He told them that he had Kashi ~~with him~~ about him and advised them to remain at Meherabad for 15 days instead. They could not 'gulp down' the fact of there being Kashi about Baba, and hence insisted about going there. They were given eight annas and sent away.

Sun. 3rd. May '25.

Baba accompanied some of the mandali who went to Bombay today to purchase the things required for the fast growing colony of Meherabad.

Wed. 6th May 1925.

Baba & party came back to Deherabud today.

As usual exhaustive inspections and enquiries were made by Baba, the first thing on his arrival about all the departments of Deherabud. ~~He was~~ followed by a distribution of sweets amongst the boys and ^{the} mandali.

In spite of inducements & and advises the Arangam villagers at-large are found ~~ing~~ wanting in response to the call for Bhajans and Kirtans so constantly held here. But they were completely brought round ^{today} when most of them gave a solemn promise to attend the religious ceremonies as much as possible. It ~~was~~ happened thus. Baba ^{suddenly} asked all the untouchables to leave the institution and take to their homes never to come again to him. The chaos and amazement may well be imagined of the poor boys. But order was order, and they seriously began to file out. In the meantime the parents and guardians were called in and Baba asked them to take away their children since they could not find time to attend the Bhajans & Kirtans. There was a greater chaos and feeling of repentence and excitement caused amongst the parents of the children who were all out of the building by now and on the point of a walk-out. However after the rig nego^t of an hour or so the boys were taken in as ~~the~~ all the villagers agreed to come and attend the Bhajans etc