

Tues. 22nd March '27.

As previously arranged overnight Messrs Desai, 'Chanji, and Sailor left Incherabad early this morning for Kedgaon and Poona respectively.

The rest of the day was passed away in the daily routine. Baba as usual, remained sitting at the Dhoni ~~almost all the day~~ for almost the whole of the day.

Wed 23.3.27.

'Chanji returned from Kedgaon this morning after leaving Mr Desai at Poona. He described his experience of the journey to Kedgaon in detail before Shri and the mandali. According to that, 'Chanji and Sorabji reached the 'Bait' (the place of Karayan Maharaj) ^{just before} at 2.30 in the afternoon after a

jolting journey in a bullock cart for nearly two and a quarter of an hour. They were not only disappointed but also felt to be in an awkward position, when they heard on their arrival there that Maharaj had retired for rest and will not be out till 5.30 in the evening, since they had arranged to return from there at 4 P.M. to catch the evening train for Poona. Otherwise, if they missed this train, there was none else save, one, at 4 o'clock the following morning; but this meant the complete upsetting of all their programme and the great inconvenience of passing a night at the way side station of Kedgaon, without having proper beddings with them.

While on the hand there was the prospect of returning away without Maharaj's Darshan.

After much hesitation they decided the latter course, and consoled themselves with the fact that they had after all presented themselves in Maharaj's boundary and had the Darshan of the sacred temple there. But when about to depart from there at 4 o'clock, one of the devotees there succeeded in persuading them to wait for half an hour more. Again at the expiry of this period another man came and told ^{them} that since Maharaj was expected to come out at any moment ~~that~~ they had better wait for some time more. Somehow they were prevailed upon to wait in the compound of Maharaj's residence till about 5.30 in the evening when Shri came down and gave them ^{the} 'Darshan'. After the usual enquiries as to who they were and from what place they had come Maharaj ordered tea to be

provided to them. As soon as they had finished the tea and were on the point of asking for leave, Maharaj started towards the Temple in a procession and signed them too, to follow Him. Another half an hour was passed near the Temple and when all finished paying their respects, again they - Chanji and Sorabji - were asked to accompany the party back at Maharaj's bungalow. By this time they had begun to count every minute of the time. However at six thirty Maharaj allowed them to return. There was only an hour and a half at their disposal to catch the 8^o clock train to Poona at Kedgawn station while they had taken clearly two and a quarter of an hour while coming to the "Bait".

Still hoping against hope they left the "Bait" in the same bullock-cart inducing the driver to do his best in making up the time. Unless the train were late there was no hope for them. For the last half an hour they began to repeat Maharaj's name fervently in order to be able to catch the train and lo! they ^{soon} saw that their prayers had not gone in vain! They found the train ready in the platform when they arrived there at 8.30. It was late by half an hour! Without losing time in booking themselves, they just scrambled in, in the first compartment they came upon, and the train started immediately! Thus all came to a ~~st~~ satisfactory end although they had the misfortune to lose the presents received from Durayan Maharaj in the last scramble for the train. At Poona Chanji arranged a reserved berth for Sorabji in the second-class in the Bombay train and after seeing the old man snug and comfortable there, started himself in the unreserved passenger.

with the result that he was once again amidst the mandali, ^{nicely} this morning.

Baba again today, had some discussions with Messrs Parker and Satta in connection with the proposed Ashram. Quite a holiday was enjoyed in the afternoon in jubilation over Sarosh's marriage and the opening ceremony of the new home for Chhagan and his wife at Meherabad in one corner of the "Post-Office" which has been suitably partitioned off for that purpose. A tea party to all the boys and the mandali was arranged at this new home when all were served with milk tea and Gulab-Jamuns (a kind of Sweetmeat). The remaining stock of dry fruits received on the last Kaverge was also looted amongst the mandali.

Thu. 24. 3. '27.

Baba still remains at the Dhooi-Seat. There were the usual Thursday visitors and Bhavsabhai's Bhajan. The swami who has been of late allowed to remain in the hut, seems to ~~have~~ behave very arrogantly and leaves dirty pots etc remain littered all about the place. Instead of showing any gratitude for the shelter allowed to him he behaves in such a way as if he were obliging Baba by staying there! The mandali, although much displeased and vexed with the fellow is unable to put their displeasure into action in dealing with him, since Baba himself is putting away with all the insolence and indifference of the man patiently. However today Shri asked this so-called Swami to clear

away from Meherabad, but even while so doing Beta
took particular care in not hurting his feelings and
conveyed the "order of the boot" in as ~~a~~ mild a form
as possible.