

Mon 8.8.27.

A Glimmer of Spirituality

A programme for the forthcoming Parsi Kadmi New year day on the 10th was arranged today.

Aspandiar, one of the boys from Persia, requested of Baba to be exempted from secular studies on the grounds that he cannot help thinking about Shri almost all the time these days and hence cannot do the lessons properly. Even while asleep he said he always dreamed about Baba and at times saw Shri with the open eyes although bodily He - Baba - might be far away at the moment. His statement is amply corroborated through the Ashram authorities report that the boy is often found crying without being able to give any reason for the same. However Baba advised him to try his best and go on with his studies in the school for the present and think of Him in the spare hours.

The mandali did cricket practice and the Ashram boys drilled this evening

Baba had a talk ^{over the hill} with Dastoorji, who has returned from Bombay and resumed his duties, ~~over the hill~~ and explained to him about the necessary changes in the book and the modification of its tone besides discussing several other topics.

Khan Sahib Irani paid a visit to Baba late this evening to talk over the Karjole ceremony of the six zoroastrian boys from Persia which has been arranged by him. Shri approved of all the arrangements and appreciated Khan Sahib's spirit of benevolence.

All the mandali was called at the Ashram at eight-thirty tonight, and returned with Baba after an hour. After the usual Arti Shri distributed Kava and Shaji amongst the mandali.

Lulabehar then brought his case against Bapu Brahmin before Baba, charging the latter with the theft of Kerosene oil from Gheheraband. On enquiries being made the charge failed and could not be proved upon which Baba conveyed ^{that} both were ~~since~~ sincere and ~~did this~~ carried out their duties sincerely. The one suspected and did not hesitate in reporting and the other explained his situation without taking offence. Both were not guilty of any offence and they were asked not to have any ill-feeling over the incident between themselves and continue their watch duties at night-diligently as usual.

Baba called some of the mandali at the ghopdi and discussed about the explanations to be given to Dastoorji with them till 11 P.M.

Wed 10. 8. 27.

Kadmi New Year.

The day was observed as a holiday. Ath-Palas were played between 8 to 9 in the morning and then cricket between 10-30 to noon. Again between 4 and 6 in the evening a cricket match was held with an interval for tea when sweets were also served to all. Baba played a brilliant

and faultless game scoring 63 runs and remaining "not out". In spite of Gily and Padri's good show the Esherabad team was defeated today for the fourth time and Rustomji had to admit the superiority of the Ashram team. Baba has consented to play henceforth ~~for~~ on the Esherabad side substituting Jal in the Ashram team.

Baba's Stray Remarks.

After the games Shri had a good talk through His usual gestures with the mandali and Fur Borker on various subjects. A gist of Shri's discourses is reproduced here :-

" ~~The~~ Sadgurus provides a fine example of humility as in spite of so much learning he is not proud Vivekanand had a Circle but Ramtirtha did not have one Never judge Sadgurus from outward appearances and actions Krishna not only asked Arjun to fight and slay but even incited him to violence It is real mercy to kill a mad dog. It saves him from contracting the sanohars through biting others which check him from advancement. To kill such a one is to advance him.

..... Gandhi will suffer terribly in the ~~the~~ next life because of his present activities and movements including picketing etc that has caused so many people to suffer. Those who follow him now and suffer through doing so, their sanohars will be the cause of Gandhi's suffering in the next life. But Gandhi is doing all this through good intentions and therefore he will realize God in the third life after this.... "

The boy whom Shri recently entrusted in Fur Borker's care actually wept for all the hindness ~~was~~ bestowed upon him by Baba!

A Grand Supper.

All the Ashram boys and mandali were invited for supper at Khan Sahib's place this evening. Motor buses were provided for conveyance. The supper was excellent and enjoyed by all. After the boys' departure Baba stayed at the

Quarterly with some of the mandali for a little longer and heard radio-music. In account of the atmospheric disturbance through the monsoon on the Western Ghats there were frequent ~~disturbances~~ interruptions so Adi tried to hear Colombo and succeeded but the result was not quite satisfactory through the same reason.

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In celebration of the first "hair-cut" ceremony of his son, who in his own words was given to him through Baba's blessings, Chintamanrao invited Shri, mandali, and the Fohram boys to a feast today. Thus the boys again had a treat in the city. Baba also visited Raja's place with some of the mandali and returned to Meherabad at 5 P.M.

Besides the usual 'Thursday' visits, the brother of Khan Behادر Fajrwallah and family also paid a visit to Meherabad and went round all over the colony. They also enquired of Baba as to the truth about the rumour of a flood in Poona and Bombay on the 13th inst. to which Shri replied "There is no truth about the rumour. Nothing will happen on the day. But God knows what will happen after the 13th inst. Some great changes will take place after the 15th inst."

Bhanshibo's Shajan and the tea party at Kaka's place came off as is usual every Thursday, in the evening.

Ranjoo was allowed to leave for Talegaon by the evening train because of a telegram about his wife's illness.

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Shivaji and Persian Blood.

Fri 12. Fri 12. 8. 27. Dr Ghani, Abdulla, and Baboo came today from Poona.

In the course of a discussion with them about the strong controversy that is at present current in Poona alleging that Shivaji was born of English blood Baba conveyed "The allegation is absolutely malicious but the Hindus have no right to raise such a hue and cry if the Mussulmans cast reflections on Shivaji's birth

When they have been talking and writing scurrilous matter freely about the Prophet of Islam. Though the statement 'Shivaji was born of Kuglul blood' is absolutely false, it is right that Shivaji is now born of Persian blood!"

The Coming War

Then turning on the topic of war Baba remarked "Preparations for a terrible war are going on all over the world.... Persia will become the second Belgium and suffer terribly. Britain will also suffer. The Russians will have an upper hand...."

Baba and mandali enjoyed a party of refreshments at ^{the} Angal Vakil's place in the noon. Thereafter Shri remained in the Ashram till 5 o'clock in the evening.

Shri played chess with Doctor twice this evening both before and after the Arti.