

'Spiritual' Preparations.

Wed 24. 8. 27.

Preparations for the spiritual instructions to the Ashram boys are in full swing for the last few days. Necessary English Gujarathi Persian and Persion books have been selected and those not in stocks have been ordered for. The speakers and time-tables have also been almost arranged.

It has been recently noted that ^{one after the other} no less than three persons have found it very harmful in disregarding Baba's instructions ^{in the course of these few days.} The first two are Banaji and D.M. of Karachi and the third is Ramji. He was allowed ten days leave home for arranging medical treatment for his ailing wife but after going there he requested for five days further extension. The same was granted but it did not add any convenience in his plans as he suddenly became ill himself. Then again he asked for a ~~few~~ 'five days more extension' and found himself in business difficulty through sudden communal disputes at Talegaon!

Doctor returned from Lonavla yesterday.

Thur. 25. 8. 27.

For Unusual Supper.

Bhansheb's Bhajan was held at Kaka's place when Baba and Mandali went there for the usual "Thursday" tea-party at 3.30 P.M. Shri stayed here till 5.30 P.M.

At seven o'clock in the evening Shri went to Baboo Jawai's place with all the mandali ~~having been invited~~ having accepted his invitation for a tea party. Tasty Bhajyas were also served to all along with the tea and Shri ordered the mandali to eat the Bhajyas to full satisfaction in lieu of the supper which was not to be partaken of this evening! Baba stayed here for a long time discussing many interesting spiritual subjects with the mandali. The explanation regarding certain Persian couplets that Baba conveyed held ~~all~~ spell bound for an

hour held the mandali spell-bound with interest. While dis-
cussing on the 4th Plane ~~the~~ Baba conveyed blessings to Baboo
and added "You will have a son - chandev"

The party returned to Deherabad at nine thirty in
Adi's car and after Baba had a few games of chess with Doctor
all retired for the night.

Fri 26. 8. 27.

The Uphill Path.

Swami 'Om' the young hindoo sadhu from Salsheed
known also as the Ganja Swami by the mandali since the day
Baba got him shaved clean of his curly ringlets at last held
up his hands today and said he wanted to go. The immediate
cause that lead him to this decision was a very trivial one - some
dispute at the kitchen over a cup of tea, but really he seemed to
have lost patience and found the Path an uphill work, for inspite
of persuasion and encouraging and pacifying words from Baba he
insisted upon going away. Finding him bent upon leaving the
place, Baba gave him the permission but as a parting advice asked
him to go straight to Dhunibaba's Durbar. There are many who
talk about the Path and desire spiritual advancement at a
stroke, there some who even suffer great physical hardships,
but few indeed who can go against their mind and nature in
the trivial affairs of the daily life patiently for a long time in
the cause of spiritual advancement. Being a sincere man the
young Swami realized his failure and as tears were rolling down
his cheeks when he departed from Baba. However, amongst those
who have been in Baba's Durbar for spiritual advancement of their
own accord with a definite plan in view the Swami can be
said to have stayed for the longest period and carried out
Shri's instructions comparatively, very faithfully.

Baba went to the Ashram ^{in the afternoon} and remained there for
a long time supervising and inspecting the day's work. He
also played cricket with the boys. In celebration of Ruzvi's

birthday sweet-cakes were specially prepared and distributed first amongst the Ashram boys and then to the mandali.

An Important Hint.

In the course of a sudden and passing remark today Baba conveyed to 'Chamji' "I don't like to come here on the hill and in the Ashram. I wish to ~~dismiss~~ wind up all this affair just as it was done at the end of the 'Meharabad stay'."

Sat. 27. 8. 27.

Hundreds Rush for Baba's Darshan.

In celebration of the last day of "Sharavana"

Shankernath's friends and relatives invited Baba to their place in the camp. On arrival there Shri was received with thundering cheers and conducted to the special seat arranged for him. Bhajans were then sung with great enthusiasm and after the formal ceremonies were over nearly five to six hundred people rushed in for Shri's Darshan. All the arrangements were found to be satisfactory. The party was also offered tea and biscuits as refreshment. After paying a visit to their newly erected temple Baba returned to Meharabad with the mandali at 6.30. in the evening.

Theft.

Sometime after Baba's return Jamshedkhan complained to ~~Baba~~ ^{Shri} about the disappearance of some of his cash! It was a serious question and Baba became very grave and displeased yet handled the situation as tactfully as to force the real culprit to confess it. First of all Baba suddenly divided his hands into Jamshed's ~~coat~~ coat pockets and found out some cigarettes there. As if having forgotten all about the theft of the money Baba began to cross examine Jamshed as to how he came to have the cigarettes and since when he was smoking etc. ~~On~~ Finding his replies to be evasive Shri signed at him to make a clean breast of it all without any more haggles but Jamshed continued to play at St. Paul. Thereupon Shri

abruptly sent for Subedar and threateningly asked him if he knew anything about these cigarettes. He at once admitted that once Jamshed had given him eight annas and he had brought some cigarettes for him. Confronted with this unexpected disclosure Jamshed too admitted the fact but again would say no more. He kept on refusing telling lies for half an hour when Baba managed to ~~bring~~ get confessions from two other boys besides Subedar as having had dealings with Jamshed. This eventually ~~was~~ compelled Jamshed to confess fully and even admit that he had pinched Jamshedkhan's money. The 'storm' over the cigarettes resulted in the detection of the theft! In spite of it Baba pardoned Jamshed but drove out Subedar and passed strict orders for none to enter the stores.

Sun. 28.7.27.

Baba hits and also gets Hit.

Shri gave some interesting explanations on spiritual subjects to Doctor and Rastuji this morning. On account of Sunday there were a number of visitors to Baba.

The cricket match with the R.S.C. Club team today was very interesting. At first the Moharabad team almost collapsed losing seven wickets for only ten runs but Baba saved the situation with a fine stand at the nick of the time. Shri's wicket-keeping was also very lively as He succeeded in stumping no less than three ~~per~~ players one after the other in quick succession and thus turned a sure defeat into a decisive victory. ~~Playing without guards in the second innings Shri had to abandon the bat owing to injuries~~ In the second ~~inning~~ ^{inning} Baba was hurt twice as He played without guards and had to retire from the field because of the injuries.

However after the cricket was over Shri played a game of tennis

After supper Baba had general discussions with the mandaki as well as a few games of chess with Doctor.

The night watchmen were particularly warned ^{by Baba} to be very careful especially for these three or four nights. ~~before just before retiring for the night.~~