

Tues. 14. 7. 25.

After his early morning bath Babu again retired back in the zhopdi and came out after nearly 8.30. and began his searching inspections and enquiries. In the grinding room, he sat and ground two or three seers of corn himself besides checking the reports and outturns of others. While coming across the Hindoo kitchen he marked two or three members were given the stale "Dhal" of the overnight instead of the fresh potatoe vegetable dish. He made the same to be thrown away and those persons supplied with the fresh dish, and by way of punishment asked Vishnuo Bafoo brahmin and Bal who were responsible for this injustice to eat plain bread that afternoon without Dhal or vegetables.

Mrs Jhagiradar, one of the teachers brought a dish of "Oosal" for Shri which was refused by Gustaji as being unsuitable. It came to Babu's notice that the same was availed of by some of the mandali. The latter were severely taken to task for the same and ~~was also~~ all were instructed not to eat anything brought from outside by anybody unless specially allowed or ordered. Mrs Jhagiradar was also warned not to bring in anything in future without permission. Owing to a majority of the boys and mandali receiving various big and small injuries to their feet by now in the game of foot balls, the latter was stopped for the present and other games were indulged in.

Wed. 15. 7. 25.

As per the recent routine Shri got up and took his bath at 5.30. but took to his zhopdi till 8.30. Since his vow of silence he seems to be all the more active and hard working. In addition to the fixed daily grinding of a few seers of corn ~~the~~ Shri makes up the deficit of "Ala" when ever it is found short by again grinding with <sup>his</sup> own hands



with the help of someone from the mandali or even at times single handedly. Finding Arjun's eyes swollen, Shri put some honey in them with his own hands and also arranged for a yellow H'kerchief. During the evening Bhajans Raoji brought in a mad looking mohammedan who had with him a very small baby fully dressed and having some jewellery while he himself was in a tattered condition. Shri questioned him ~~as to how~~ with sign and writings as to how he came across that child & whom it belonged to. The madcap said the baby belonged to one Govind Gowley of old bazar Ahmednagar and he brought it out for ~~airing~~ airing here. He had the baby with him since 210'clock"

The child was hardly 8 to 9 ~~year~~ months old, Shri asked Inoh's mother to take it away in her charge & feed it also.

While he asked Rustonji to go to Nagar on his motor cycle and if possible find out the real parents. Within an hour ~~of this~~ i.e. by 9 P.M. Rustonji came back and informed all that the baby really belonged to Govind Gowley whose whole family was following him in tongas. On his arrival at Govind's home Rustonji said he found the whole household in a chaos at the loss of the child, even the police had been informed. Hardly he had finished <sup>the report</sup> that the whole "procession" of the child's parents & relations arrived in three tongas and a full load of a big motor lorry. As soon as they finished paying respects to Shri that the restless mother could contain no longer her great emotion. After quickly and anxiously searching the whole premises with the pair of her wide glistening eyes she asked Baba ~~out~~ outright "where is my baby" Baba conveyed to her through writing that her baby was in the safe custody of the Police-Patel in the Arjun Chowkey. Hearing this she started walking in the dark towards Arjun irrespective of any company. However she was called back & showed her child sleeping snugly ~~in the lap~~ well-covered in the



lap of Mohan's mother. The enthusiastic scene that followed can better be imagined than written. After this incident the mandali paid their usual "Good night" respects to Shri and retired for the night.

Thurs. 16.7.25.

Our account of Thursday and the last "Ashadi" today enormous crowds came for Shri's Darshan from all directions and varied distances. Besides his usual inspection and grinding work Baba gave interviews to almost all the visitors and discussed with them their respective affairs on the slate. In the afternoon all went to have tea at Fur Shahua's place. The topic of Shivaji came to be discussed. Shri explained with signs and writings that "Shivaji as shown in modern history is an imagination. He was not only a brave warrior but also a great devotee of his Gurus. With all his cleverness and diplomacy he was no less pure and true by heart. The same Shivaji is also here (meaning - himself) - I was also present in the time of Christ but that is a different question - Even Shivaji's followers are all here. He had many followers out of which 24 to twenty four were and are the most important. Ten out of these 24 will once again be the instruments of great workings in the world within two years, amongst these Afzool Khan will take a lion's share. Amongst the selected few of Shivaji's immediate companions there was in these days a foreigner too. He is upto now held in nonentity but he will be one of those most prominent members of Shivaji's circle that is to be out soon.

Shri had instructed for tile turning of his Zopdi owing to the dirt & refuse collected thereon by mice but owing to a sudden shower of rainfall the work



had to postponed. Hearing this Baba remarked <sup>on slate</sup> that  
"God seems to be my enemy" After the evening  
Bhajans Shri gave out very interesting explanations  
on divine subjects which have been taken notes of  
elsewhere. In spite of such a deep subject which  
now & then necessitated explanations and counter-  
explanations Shri patiently but calmly continued  
taking recourse to signs and writing without uttering  
the slightest <sup>or</sup> sound, or giving up the unfinished points.