

14th August 26 ~~Baba Jagadguru~~ A letter from

Babooar Ubale was received from Poona today by Baba in which the former related a super-natural phenomenon about ~~Shri~~

It said that the other night while returning from Babajan, Baba's Mother, Aunt and a Pirojabai saw Baba in a victoria carriage near the Char Bardi a little distance away from Babajan's seat. At that sight the ladies hastened to the spot where the carriage was standing but before they could overtake it they saw Baba getting down from the carriage and walk away in a dark lane. Baba's Mother even called out aloud asking Baba to stop & yet she bitterly complained to the writer - Baboo - "Merwan" walked away without seeing her!! All the ladies ~~can~~ swear ^{that} they saw Baba clearly and without mistake while the mandali can do the same that - Baba is all the time amongst them these days! And hence there is no doubt about the incident ~~being a~~ being a super-natural phenomena.

3. Raghunath who had been in custody for the last month at Poona on a charge of cycle theft returned today after being fined Rs 100/- which was arranged to be paid by Baba.

He admitted before Baba that under some circumstances he sold a cycle in the name of a third party but pleaded not guilty to the charge of theft which he said was instigated against him through spite by persons bearing malice against him. He also admitted

that were it not for the timely help that Baba sent after receiving a telegram from Syed sahib on the day he was fined he would have been put to shame and degradation of a prison life. He also attributed his being ~~only~~ ~~fined~~ let off only with a fine as a result of Baba's help which ~~Baba~~ in sending Rustumji and Keka as witnesses in the case. Baba offered him 4 conditions if he wanted to again stay at Meherabad, and on his accepting the same solemnly, Baba pardoned him and allowed him to resume his duties.

Next came the case of the local Police Patel. In spite of orders from Baba ~~to~~ not to do anything without His permission save his official duties Patel had the other day tried to ~~shield~~ shield a man in the village with a police warrant after him (the man).

Patel's dodge somehow leaked out and the police threatened to proceed against him today when he made a clean breast of it all and said although he had tried to hide that thing from Baba he was forced to make it out in the end and so asked Baba's pardon. Shri forgave him with a serious warning and as a punishment ~~to~~ "asked" him to provide the mandali with a tea party! (iron for iron.)

15th August-26.

On account of Khordad-Sal today all got up as early as 5 o'clock in the morning and had a cold bath. The auspicious day was ushered in with a party of band formed amongst the school boys ^{who} ~~and~~ they made the whole of Insharabad ring out with the music of the bugles and drums. After all had finished paying their formal respects to Baba the cricket matches specially arranged for this holiday were begun.

In spite of the slight drizzling that kept on pouring all the time, exciting cricket was played throughout the day. At the interval at 3 P.M. the mandali, boys and the ladies were all served with tea and 'Gul-Gulas' in the evening at 7 P.M. the birthday ceremony of Prophet Zoroaster was observed according to Hindu rites.

The usual small cradle was decorated and a photo of zarthokht Insharaj was put in it and amidst due and dignified ceremonies and singing the "birth" was announced, when ~~the~~ Baba's Arti was also ~~made~~ ^{recited} by the mandali. Thereafter Bhajan took place for an hour or so and thus in spite of a bad weather a jolly good time was enjoyed by all.

However in spite of all the holiday making the mandali had to remain contented with the usual dry diet throughout the day save for the afternoon tea.

