

Sun 20th March '27.

At ten o'clock this morning, as already arranged,
Baba and a party of eighteen members from the mandali

started from Guherabad for Raya's place. Baba and six others occupied the Chevrolet touring car driven by Rustonji and the rest followed it in a big truck. Mr Raya had arranged this dinner in connection with the recent marriage festivities in his house, and had left no stone unturned in giving a grand reception to Baba and party when they arrived there. The dinner was also an excellent one and provided a good treat to all.

During the time that Shri was at Raya's place, Rustonji informed Baba that Mr Sorabji Desai of Karsari was coming to Nagar by the noon train. Baba asked Rustonji to bring the guest here direct at Raya's place when he arrived. After the meals all were served with Pan-Supari, and just at that moment Shri received a note from Gadekar requesting the party to grace his humble home for tea.

Baba accepted the invitation and thus one more engagement was added to the already heavy programme of the day which included several visits to many places. At one thirty o'clock Mr Desai arrived and was well received.

After he had finished paying his respects to Baba, Mr Desai was introduced with all the mandali members as one of the most popular and well-known Gujarati writer of the day. Thereafter he was served with dinner and asked to join the party in going through the rest of the programme of the day. After the Arti and final ceremonies of Baba, and when all at Raya's place had finished paying respects to

thing, that the party set out for the other visits in the city. Bhavosahab singer's was the first house that was visited. From here the party came at Dhakay's place after paying passing visits at many other places enroute. Dhakay had prepared excellent tea for them which was greatly enjoyed. ~~Again the party~~

From Dhakay's place the party repaired to Gadekar's where again tea was served to all. At all these places Baba was accorded a warm welcome and worshipped through Arti and Puja. There was also a great rush of outsiders at all these places for Shri's Darshan, and an atmosphere of great devotion and enthusiasm prevailed all through the visits. Mr Desai who had been given a seat in Baba's car, was greatly impressed with these scenes of deep devotion and enthusiasm, and the interest shown by all classes of people in the city including those belonging to the depressed and backward castes in Baba's visits, and particularly the way in which they vied with each other in paying respects to Shri. By now it was four o'clock; Baba ordered the mandali to return to Tacherabad, and with the remaining few he came at Rustomji's place. After another half an hour, Shri too came back at Tacherabad.

Those of the mandali who had not accompanied Baba to the city were also provided with a dinner from Ray's place, as the considerate host had not forgotten them, and had made arrangements in sending sufficient food for them, all the way here.

After the return, Baba had a private discussion with Rustomji Borkar and Satha about the Ashram.

In the meantime Mr Desai was shown round the colony. In spite of his old age and very regular

habits Mr Desai said he felt surprisingly well and active for all the travelling exertions, irregular meals and his participations in the busy programme of the day. At Kassar, Mr Desai said he would have thought twice before venturing upon such a programme. There he said, he used to take rest and sleep for a whole day prior to leaving for any outstation even for a day. And even at that his family members seldom allowed him to go all alone.

While now he said he had made a long journey all by himself, had not slept well for the past few nights, and still felt as fit as a fiddle after going through the heavy exertions of the day. He held all this as nothing short of a miracle from Baba! ~~After~~ ^{When} Baba had finished the discussions with Rustomji, the latter set out for home, Sorabji was also asked to accompany him and return here tomorrow in the morning.

However some time after their departure it struck Baba that it would be better for Sorabji to pass the night here, so that he can get sound sleep in the calm atmosphere of Ancherabad particularly since he had no rest for the last few days. Accordingly a note was sent at Khuras Quarters and as per Shri's instructions contained therein, Adli brought Mr Desai some time after nine o'clock back at Ancherabad in his car. The guest was allotted a place in Gnanji's quarters and 'Chanji' was asked by Baba to look after all his comforts.

As already decided the Mandali retired for the night without a supper, but none felt any inconvenience at the loss, since all were fully satisfied with the heavy dinner they had this day.