

Tue. 5. 10. '26.

Baba gave a fine lecture (of course conveyed through signs and writings) upon the need of ~~check~~ a check on the sexual desires. The main point was that this was not easy as even great Yogis fall a victim to the wiles of women, and the real credit of the check was to exercise it at the height of youth and strength and not by bringing about 'weakness' through drugs or surgery. At night when all were sitting about Baba in the open Maidan a village Patel came rushing towards Baba and seemed to be wrecked with grief over the <sup>recent</sup> loss of his wife. In spite of his apparent great wailings and cryings Baba abruptly put him

the question as to how many children he would like to have, to which he replied ten!! Baba then conveyed to him that his wish would be fulfilled and dismissed him. After his going away Baba conveyed a very instructive explanation from the visitors' desires and weepings.

Thur. 7. 10. '26

The visitors this afternoon included some politicians including Dr Pranjay the editor of Kal and another editor of an illustrated Marathi magazine..... and they had a prolonged discussion with Shri on Swaraj vide Chanji's Note Book.

In the afternoon a sort of holiday was observed as Baba has declared to remain mostly aloof of all external activities from tomorrow.

After the usual <sup>Thursday</sup> tea party at Kaka's place a cricket match was played from 3 to 6 P.M.

Then up to 9 o'clock Baba remained with the ladies. From 9 to midnight the Mandali performed the drama 'Matlabi Doonya' followed by some lectures and finally a dance performance by Sital and Pundoo, saw the activities of the day at end.

Fri. 8. 10. '26 Fasting Again!

As per the programme Baba has all round lessened his activities from today. He was marked to be sitting generally at one place particular in the school premises. Besides he has commenced to fast again. Throughout the

day Shri took nothing except water!

Sat- 9. 10. 26.

Baba continued the fast today and did not even take water save only a cup of milk in the evening. Mahdoo the half-cracked boy who was of late found to be getting more and more normal suddenly relapsed today as a result of some Mandali members frequently questioning him in way or the other. When the matter was reported to Baba the members concerned were punished with caning!

The ~~cricket~~ <sup>cricket</sup> programme was arranged as follows from today. ~~From~~ Tues & Fri reserved for the Mandali to play ~~with~~ the game while Sat and Sun was left out exclusively for the school boys.

Baba remained very passive and yet while taking a formal turn in the school premises the boards and time tables in dirty ~~and~~ & dishevelled condition did not miss His eye. Chaugji was impressed upon to observe strict supervision over the whole school staff and activities including the boys' night-studies and immediately report defects.

## Another Shock To The Meherabad Stay!

Sun. 10. 10. 26

Baba was found to be in a irritable mood this morning. Those who had not according to standing orders placed all their beddings and kits in the sun were caned by Baba. Even Behramji was punished

for not enforcing the rule. Those who were punished began to grumble and complain and ~~found~~ felt the punishment unjustifiable.

Thereupon Baba called a meeting of all at 11 A.M. and conveyed through signs that "Henceforth the state of affairs will go on like this. If I find the slightest fault in the discharge of the respective duties on the part of all the mundali members, and not find the orders being followed strictly to the letter and spirit of them I will order the parties concerned to be caned severely to the extent of ten or stripes at a time. This will naturally upset you and make you feel. Therefore give your candid opinion to the following suggestions keeping in view the strictness required in following all orders.

1. Either to let the Tucherabad affairs to go on as they are on the condition that every order must be observed most minutely and strictly (nānā) without any excuse whatsoever or to bring the stay to an end.
2. If not are you willing to stay here for the next four months with me and work as hard as was done during the Ghamella Yoga period. Mind you shall have to taste a bitter experience, and none will get any payments only food and clothing as usual.
3. Are you willing to go to your places and attend to your respective occupations in that case I will go on tour abroad with a selected few.

4. Or are you <sup>all</sup> willing to accompany me on a journey on the condition of begging and maintaining yourselves independently. "

Following this declaration a great discussion took place. Some of the questions and answers between Baba and ~~some~~ mandali members are reproduced here :-

- Q. M:- Please try to pull on with us as usual without bringing about any changes overlooking our ~~the~~ errors of judgement.
- Q. B:- You try to pull on with me and my orders. I am tired of seeing my orders frequently disobeyed.
- Q. M:- Alright then we will try our best in following the orders and are willing to accept any punishment inflicted for errors and mistakes.
- Q. B:- Mind your heads and hearts will begin to whirl (सिं घुंते).
- Q. M:- Never mind we will try to control it.
- Q. B:- Alright then I don't mind, but don't let your legs turn with the head ~~सिं घुंते~~ ~~नरेंद्र~~ ~~नरेंद्र~~ ~~नरेंद्र~~.

Then the sense of the mandali was taken that granting the stay was brought to an end which of the counter proposals were preferred by them.

17 members voted in favour of No 2 that of staying at Treherbad ~~with~~ with hard-labour for four months.

22 preferred No 4 to go out begging on a tour & 5 showed readiness to act up to No 3 and take to respective occupations.

But when the general sense of the mandali was taken whether to let the affairs go on as

usual or close up, the majority favoured the former and hence after all it was decided to go on with as usual, only Baba suggested that in view of his keeping himself aloof somebody must be appointed to assume responsibility of the good management of the colony and the observance of due order and discipline. Rustūmji Gūstādji and Behramji were proposed for the post but votes were asked for the final selection.

17 voted for Rustūmji 4 for Gūstādji and 4 for Behramji and accordingly the former was declared as the Head of all departments with the title of 'Bade-Sab' with full discretionary powers and responsibilities for ~~all~~ the proper management of the colony and the strict observing of all existing rules and disciplines, and with that the memorable meeting terminated.

Yet again at 2 in the afternoon all were brought together and asked to decide whether to go to Persia or Rangoon! At first Baba proposed to start for either of the two places with seven selected members but when the rest also showed willingness to follow suit, names of these were taken down and the number of the party reached thirty. When votes were taken down 20 favoured Persia and the rest preferred Rangoon. ~~But~~ <sup>once more</sup> ~~again~~ sense was taken whether to go on with the arrangements already arrived at in the morning or not and the mandali was found to be in for the continuance of the Meherabad stay and so eventually the first decision was confirmed at least for the present Baba

'said' let us attend- await- development for the  
days as to how the affairs go on under the new  
management.