

Wed. 12.1. '27

## A Visit To Poona!

Baba left for Poona early this morning at seven o'clock by motor car accompanied by Rustomji, Behramji, Padri, Sean, Jal and two ladies. It was an uneventful and comfortable journey. The party reached Abdulla-H. Jaffer's place in the Main Street at about ten thirty, where they were cordially received by the host and other Poona mandali members who knew about Shri's visit and accordingly <sup>had been</sup> awaiting His arrival.

After the exchange of formalities and news the party were served with fresh wholesome food. The long motor spin had given them a good appetite and hence full justice was given to the tasty dishes. Sometime after the dinner Shri paid a visit to 'his' own house with a few from the party. In the meanwhile Rustomji and the ladies went to the Registrar's in connection with some property transaction. Both these parties came back and joined each other at Abdulla's place at 3 o'clock.

After tea the party started from Abdulla's place and came to the good old Khaba Path. Baba sat here for some time in Sadashive Patel's house (just above the Taddy shop, once worked by Baba himself). Here many people came to look Baba's Darshan including some of those old Frangal time members. By four thirty o'clock amidst ringing cheers of 'jai' Baba & party set out from Poona for the return journey to Incherabad. This time the tyres caused some inconvenience and a couple of hours delay in the journey.

However the party came back safe at Incherabad at nine thirty o'clock. After the meals and a general discussion about the trip with the rest of the mandali all retired for the night. The day passed out quite smoothly, but ~~stayed~~ dull at Incherabad in Shri's absence.

Thur. 13. 1. 27.

## Divine Help!

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It being Thursday, there were many visits to Shri from, the city, village and out stations. The most remarkable advent amongst them was <sup>th</sup>one Mr. Shobhanji Rustomji Anbedji of Cooper Building, near Wadia's Chawl, Khoti Dalao, Bombay. He described to Shri how for a long time he was suffering with mental and financial troubles.

Through nervous disorders and a failing health he lost his service and had to depend on others for his and his family's maintenance. Under such circumstances he felt much for his helpless position, and at times when he was taunted by some mischievous <sup>persons</sup> for his pitiable condition he shuddered and his whole body trembled with emotion.

Death by hook or by crook seemed to be the only chance of relief under the circumstances. It was then that he chanced to read in the 'Sanj-Vartaman' a life sketch of Shri and felt strongly attracted towards Baba, as much so that he began to concentrate upon mentally repeating Shri's name. Very soon this repetition began to bear fruit. One night he dreamed to have gone to a sacred pilgrimage and met with a holy Dadas. He now saw that the place seen in the dream very much resembled to Meherabad. He felt much relieved and encouraged with the dream. Then the name-repetitions made him feel a secret suggestion to seek help from an unexpected quarter. He did act up to it and was bewildered <sup>to the point</sup> with any easy success. By and by all his immediate difficulties were solved away marvellously. And so naturally ~~thus~~ <sup>as</sup> he felt impelled to come personally to the Source of his secret relief. He ~~for~~ said he feels completely free minded and relieved already with the first contact with Baba and His sacred surroundings. Baba asked this

visitors to remain here for three or four days. Cricket was played by the mandali today both in the morning and evening too.

The usual musical Bhajan by Dhooahel took place in the afternoon. Milk tea was provided to all at seven o'clock this evening. With the usual Arti at 8.30. the activities of the day came to an end.

Fri. 14. 1. '27.

The chief topic of the day was how to keep all the mandali fully engaged throughout the day as Shri conveyed that he did not like them unengaged even for a few hours (vira ongi). A special meeting was convened in the afternoon at two o'clock to consider and discuss this subject. Shri asked the members to suggest suitable occupations for themselves during the spare hours. Some could give in a useful plan. Upon which Baba asked them through gestures if all would accept his own suggestion? All agreeing to this Baba 'said' all should exercise meditation upon God for three hours daily instead of one hour as hitherto!

This will keep them engaged in the best way. He added as remembrance of God and repetition of His name was the best possible work that anyone can do. All agreed to this, some willingly, and some solicited a trial before accepting the same for good. But when Baba began to get this decision confirmed by them through sacred oaths Pankulam fell out and refused point-blank even to give the suggestion a trial. He said already the one hour of meditation was found by him to be a stiff job and so the additional two hours of concentration were simply impossible for him. Baba felt much disturbed at this and at first asked Pundoo to pick up and go away, but subsequently Shri became 'cooled down' and not only cancelled the order of the book for Pundoo but also withdrew the additional



two hours of meditation programme for all. He conveyed that on the whole the Mandali did not seem quite sincere in their decision to practice the additional meditation.

However all were enjoined upon to carry out the already one-hour programme very diligently and sincerely.

Again there was a cricket match in the morning as well as in ~~the~~ the evening and tea at 7 P.M. Waman Dani was allowed to go home the moment he expressed his desire to do so by Shri today.

Sat. 15.1.27.

Dhokephelkar rejoined the mandali today and began to stay at Tacherabad. Today it being the Hindu holiday of Sawkrat - a lot of varied eatables were received by Baba as presents from His numerous devotees in the city and the village. These 'Parasado' provided a jolly food time to the mandali. Shri frequently distributed the same amongst them. At times a general loot was also caused to be made by Baba when He would throw handfuls of the good things at the mandali with a free order to get as much as one can. This loot business was greatly appreciated by all. Considerable rubbish all round the Press-Quarters was removed by the mandali today and thrown away in far off ditches in the fields.

A re-election for the headman in the mandali was held this evening when Behramji got re-elected again as the general manager.

Cricket, kiti, and Asti were played, enjoyed and recited by all as usual.