

Sat. 29.1.27.

It was quite an uneventful day. The usual routine was gone through by all. The Sheli play in the morning followed by a discussion on the war in China, a game of cricket in the evening and then finally a walk in the night - have all, by now become so frequent - that, ^{they} require no special description.

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Sun. 30th Jan '27

The only event of particular note was the arrival of the Boring-machine today. Owing to Sunday the number of visitors to Sri was considerable. After supper instead of the usual walk Babe and a few of the Mandali had a motor spin to the station and back.

Mon. 31. 1. 27.

The proposed School matters again formed the chief subject in the day's discussion between Sri and the Mandali. Babe informed all today that from tomorrow 1st February He will begin to live only upon such liquids as milk-tea and water till He speaks!

Tue. 1st Feb. '27.

School at Meherabad.

First of all, on this first day of the month Shri remained only on water throughout. The second important change witnessed, was the removal of the school from the bungalow near the village into Meherabad proper. Once again the colony shows signs of the revival of its recent past glory and 'Gud-Bud'! In spite of their past mischiefs Baba was very considerate towards the Meher of the village on and after His return at Meherabad.

Many grown up Meher boys were at Shri's word fixed up on paying and comfortable jobs in the city and the camp, and the younger ones readmitted in the school. But hardly it is one month since all these arrangements have come into being, that these boys have begun to trouble Baba with unnecessary botherations, disobedience and carelessness of late.

Shri took a very drastic step today and declared that none of the Meher of the Village whether grown ups or young ones should come to him henceforth for short of keeping ^{any} ~~another~~ connection at all. The Meher boys in the school were also dismissed from the institution.

During the discussions over the ~~new~~ proposed new school somebody put in, that in view of so many changes already proposed and decided upon in connection with the school building to be erected, ^{that} the sum of 20000/- set aside for the purpose would fall far short of the actual sum required.

Consequently the proposal to erect ^{the} premises with C. Iron Sheets and Iron frame work was finally adopted. The two particular points - Cheapness and Quickness - ~~were appealed to~~ all about this kind of

of work appealed to all. Yet most of them hesitated on the question of the appearance and elegance of the ~~tin~~ tin buildings and Rustomji who was not present then was supposed to oppose the scheme tooth and nail. At this Shri gave the mandali a fine lecture with signs and gestures.

He took a rubber ball and threw it against the wall first slowly and then swiftly. In the first instance it was easy to catch hold of the ball that rebounded from the ~~ball~~ wall but the second time the rebound was unmanageable.

From this Shri conveyed that the ball will rebound towards the thrower with as much force as is put into it while throwing it against the wall, while the wall will remain quite unaffected and stationary, doing nothing, like a Sadguru! It is for you to see before throwing the ball, with what force you should do it keeping in view your ability to manage the rebound. Similarly before starting to do anything you must keep an eye over the subsequent consequences. And so the more you pay your attention on points of good appearance and show the more the buildings will be costly. Look at the amount at your disposal first and then talk of elegance and beauty. Otherwise if you put more force, unnecessary force, in making the buildings all tip-top the question of costs will rebound upon you eventually. "I am like a wall doing nothing. You are to throw the ball and catch it, so throw it in such a way as would enable you to handle its rebound easily without straining your-self. Look before you leap." added Shri.

In the evening when Rustomji ^{came}, as expected he strongly objected to the new scheme, and said the tin sheds would ^{look} like stables. Again lengthy discussions took place. Finally Shri increased the grant of twenty

thousand for the buildings to thirty thousand, and reinstructed the parties concerned to get new plans drawn up with accomodation for 200 boys instead of 400 as per the original scheme.

Gnanohar the young Todiwala who lost his wife recently, when he came to Baba today was 'told' not to feel or fret over the supposed loss. His wife, Baba 'said' must be considered very fortunate as she was one of His devotees and did His Arti very fervently a few days prior to her death. Baba also advised him to remarry soon and promised him the gift of a nice and fortunate son. The marriage and household duties, Shri continued, were no bindings at all. It is the mind that is tried to be kept free, ~~and~~ unconnected, and quiet in all conditions. It is very easy to talk of renunciation and 'remaining free' but it was quite the opposite to be really free of all things and ~~to~~ practice renunciation. This can only be done by heroes! And thus the temporarily grief stricken man was persuaded by Baba to cease talking about renouncement and get soon remarried.

There was the usual Cricket-play in the evening. Baba and few of the members also went for a motor spin to Ahmednagar at night.