

Sat. 12. 2. 27.

Baba had a private conversation with Chanji today about staying here or going ^{to another place} ~~for a change~~. In any case Chanji was advised to stick to Him ~~for~~ according to the latest agreement for three years and to accompany Him wherever He went. Chanji accepted the advice. For the present the latter was asked to conduct the existing primary school with the help of Shalke, Vishnuo, Pandoba, Nisal and 'Ineld'.

There were also some discussions between Baba and the mandali about The Friend and the reported visit of Gandhiji to Ahmednagar. About the former Shri dwelt at lengths on "that which feels like a wheel always moving in the mind"

and as to the latter question, in reply to a suggestion of some one in the mandali that when Gandhiji comes to Ahmednagar, he should be induced to pay a visit to Sri, Baba said "Why should he be particularly induced? There is absolutely no need of doing that, he should come of his own accord through love for Truth. This is the only qualification that counts in this line. Without that (love) no exalted position, be it even of a King helps one towards Truth"

A game of cricket was played in the evening, and with the usual Arti at night all went to bed.

Sun. 15. 2. '27

There were the usual Sunday visitors to Baba today. In the morning Baba explained to the mandali the "Workings of the mind, Sanskars, and Truth" vide Chanji's note-book. There were also some discussions about the arrival of Swami Shankaracharya at Ahmednagar and the Suddhi and Tabligh movements.

At 9.30. A.M. Sri paid a visit to the city with a few mandali members and went to the places of the Christian Head-Master and Kaka Shahne there, and returned to Acherabad at eleven thirty o'clock.

In the evening Baba drew the attention of all as to how difficult was the spiritual line. Mr. Parker who is a well-known ~~public~~ local public worker and a very sincere and ~~sympathetic~~ sympathetic servant of humanity had recently addressed a letter to Baba. This was read before all. The writer therein confessed that after 24 years of great labours through Samadhi and ~~the~~ various other means of Self-control and Self-discipline he had still acquired nothing about Truth for which he

has been striving so hard. That after deep deliberations he has decided to accept Baba as his Guru and requested to be given a push in the line which he said was the sole aim of his life. At the conclusion of the reading of the letter Shri conveyed his great appreciation of Mr. Borker's public services and his strivings after Truth. Then discussions followed on the political and spiritual instructions as imparted to the boys in the National School under Mr. Satha.

Shri did not like this idea and "said" that politics were not advisable for those who wanted to advance spiritually; and gave the example of Ramkrishna Paramhansa, as how this great Sadguru of Bengal did not even allow the mere mention of politics in his presence.

Shri again had a private conversation with Changji about the latter's personal affairs today when Baba assured him that in spite of the three years agreement, if need be, he will be released within a year.

Mon. 14. 2. 27. When Gandhi Will Realize?

There was again a discussion about Gandhiji. Baba "said" he was the best man amongst the present-day political workers and public servants. He ~~is~~ is quite sincere, and has ~~not~~ no thought of any deception or mean spirit in all his actions. His mentality is supreme and he will realize God in the third life after this, after 170 years hence. He will be one amongst the 300 persons who will realize God by then!

The day passed away in many more

such discussions on general topics. Cricket was also played in the evening. Before the Arti at night, for sometime, Baba played the Dhol in accompaniment to Shankarmath's singing.

Wed. 16th Feb '27

Preparations are in full for the evening Birthday festivities and the ^{proposed} feast and bath to 150 boys tomorrow in that connection. Many utensils and other things have already been removed over the Hill by the Tank-premises, and seven of the mandali have been instructed to sleep there tonight as guards over these things. A letter in reply to the mandali's request to arrange for Bhai Chhela singer was received from Ramjoo today, expressing his inability to arrange for the same, and describing the quarrel he had with his colleague, Doctor, in the matter. Shri felt much for the pair having fallen out amongst themselves on the question, and 'said' He only tried their worth by allowing the mandali to ask them to arrange for the singing programme on the Birthday; had they arranged it, He would never have allowed the burden of payment to fall on their shoulders, but would have paid it Himself. Another telegram was sent to Ramjoo saying "Payment arranged here, arrange for Chhela" to which a reply was received in the evening that Doctor ~~is~~ was arranging for the same.

It being a bright moon-lit night, a game of Atā Patas was heartily indulged in for an hour after 8.30. P.M. by Baba and the mandali, after which milk tea was served to all. With the usual Arti repetitions all retired for the night.