

Sun. 20th Feb' 27.

There were the usual Sunday visitors, and a Bhajan by Bhaos saheb. Many of the still remaining Birthday visitors left Meherabad today.

In the afternoon at about two o'clock some Parsi gentlemen, ladies and children also came to visit Meherabad. They were on a visit to Ahmednagar from Deolali, and looked as if they had come to Meherabad ~~considering it to be a peculiar~~ for sight-seeing rather than through reverence. They were dressed at the height of the fashions, and walked about Meherabad in a great style.

The ladies in the party were particularly airy, they moved about from place to place with their hands in their jacket-pockets, and displaying as much as possible their fine and fashionable ligeries, and looked here and there as if they were in a museum!

However they were courteous in approaching Baba and ~~not~~ very anxious in asking some questions to Sri.

Pustoji did his best in explaining them the spiritual significance of the life here, and about Baba. Within half an hour, without any untoward incident the peculiar visitors went away.

Tue. 22nd Feb '27.

## The Biggest Jail!

At two o'clock this afternoon Sri sent for all the mandali, and then asked them which was the largest jail in India! Some said it was Sabarmati, some thought Yeravda as such, while a few others considered Visapur and Nagpur jails as the largest ones respectively. Baba smiled at these opinions and showing his disagreement with all these suggestions, conveyed that the biggest jail on earth was our body! Following this Baba ~~also~~ dwelt at length on very many spiritual subjects; the first of all that, is as follows: There are three different states in the Highest viz. Knowledge - Bliss - and Power. So also there are three different ways to proceed towards Truth. One is Bhakti Marga, the other is Dnyan Marga and the third is Yoga Marga. The first leads to Eternal Bliss, the second to Knowledge, and the last named way leads to ~~leads to~~ the Highest Power.

Similarly there are three different stages of advancement, (1) Gross (2) Astral or Subtle. (3) Mental. While advancing

from the Gross to the Subtle through the planes the Bhakta enjoys ~~unknown~~ unimagined Bliss, the Dnyani begins to see unthought of striking scenes, and the Yogi acquires undreamt of powers. These seeing experiencing and acquiring goes on increasing immensely through advancing in the higher planes so much so that in the fourth plane the advancing soul is stupefied into inactivity with wonder and delight and is also liable for a terrible relapse.

When turning on the question of 'Samskars' Baba aptly likened them to a tiger in a dream, as an umbrella affording cover from the sun, as a ~~ring~~ <sup>bunch</sup> of strings all enmeshed and entwined.

The question of why particularly children are liked so much by Saints was also discussed. Baba "said" it was because they ~~were~~ are innocent and as easily impressed with spirituality. Then Shri also explained how ~~to~~ He had already arranged for the spiritual training of young boys under Gur Borker, who takes so much interest in this work. At first the boys will thus start taking spiritual training under Gur Borker but will later ~~on~~ be given a push by Himself. Discussions were also carried on about the scarcity ~~to~~ of water at Anherabad, and particularly about the new well, which in spite of the considerable deep borings made recently, shows no sign of a satisfactory water supply. The mandali much deplored this state of affairs in Baba's own surroundings. Replying to this, Shri conveyed that He had a great heart and that it was His own generosity that caused the lack of a water supply, since He allowed

the water of the surroundings to be used and distributed by the various under-ground agencies that were not visible to the mandali! It was however decided to continue the boring to a depth of a hundred feet and even then if water ~~was~~ was not found sufficient for the requirements, another well be dug near the Mahan on the spot ~~originally~~ <sup>previously</sup> indicated by Shri Himself.

Fri. 25th Feb '27.

There was nothing particular to take note of for the last two days. Chanji has gone to Bombay since yesterday. Baba and six of the mandali had been out for a motor ride this evening, when Kaka Shahu's house in the city was visited and tea taken there.

Sat. 26th Feb '27.

### Meher Ashram.

Baba and 14 of the mandali started from Meherabad at 8.30. this morning and came to the Rashtriya Shala (National School) at Ahmednagar to participate in the 'Das Navmi' (9th day of Magh) day celebrations. It also happened to be the sixth anniversary day of the school. Mr Borkar delivered an interesting public lecture on physical and mental celibacy (Barahamcharipana) and dwelt at length on the characteristics of Swami Ravidas and ~~his~~ his great celibacy. During the course of this lecture for the first time the public were <sup>also</sup> informed about the proposed opening of the Meher-Ashram to provide free board and lodging for the students of the Rashtriya School. The main motive of this justification was ~~an~~ also explained to all, which was declared to be the training

of young boys in the line of spirituality under Shri Baba's own guidance and advice, whom Mr Borkar referred to publicly, as the greatest spiritual Master of the age like Ramdas Swami, and who he informed the audience, had a great duty to perform in giving a great push forward to the whole world for its material and spiritual advancement (ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ଆଗକୁ). Following Mr Borkar, Mr Hire, the Head-Master of The Rashtriya Shala also delivered a short lecture suitable to the occasion.

After these ceremonies were over Baba and party went to inspect the spot selected for the proposed erection of the 'Ashram' premises near the Cotton Market. The place was approved by all and then the party went to Koba Shahu's place in the city. Here Shri and the mandali were served with a special dinner prepared for the occasion. During the meals Baba referred to Mr Borkar's remarks about ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ - ଆଗକୁ in his lecture this morning, and conveyed that this (giving a push to the whole world) can only be done after one has acquired the 'Sadguru pad' or in other words by one who after Realizing God comes down back for Duty. Shri also advised those who were present to work sincerely for the Institution with all their might, irrespective of public ~~of~~ opposition and ~~critic~~ adverse criticisms. "Do your duties sincerely and all will be well. Don't worry for funds" were the final remarks of Shri to the mandali in this connection.

The party came back at Meherabad at one o'clock in the afternoon, and passed the rest of the day in routine.