

Dec. 26. 7. 27.

Baba was put to much inconvenience through the absence of the little boy-orderly Pama who alone of all the male persons here ~~was~~^{is} allowed access to the Ladies Quarters, to bring things and errands to and fro.

Shri did not partake of anything else save tea without

milk throughout the day.

The Hindu sanyasin again returned toacherabad this morning. After feeding him, a rupee was paid to him and Baba asked him to go to Shri Maharaj at Sakori.

Baba again passed about three hours in the Ashram in the evening.

Thur. 28. 7. 27.

Daily routine and usual Thursday events today save for a cricket match between the Ashram andacherabad teams resulting in victory for the former.

Wed. 27. 7. 27.

The Family Arbitrator.

Baba patiently heard the dispute between Baboo-Jawai and his family people today for a long time. It was in fact a fight against orthodox customs. Baboo complained of being treated indifferently by his family while Patil maintained that he - Baboo - behaved too freely at home and as an example Patil made this startling statement in support of his orthodox views "I never talked with my wife until I had four children" (!) Baba decided the case in Baboo's favour and conveyed that his wife must obey him against the prejudices of her relations.

The advent of a Bohri.

The Bohri gentleman as per his recent application brought Master Sadikali for the Ashram. The gentleman was allowed a personal inspection of the Ashram and its various departments and he was much pleased with all the arrangements, rules, and objects of the institution. The boy was admitted in the Ashram after his guardian had duly filled up the necessary forms and agreements. Before leavingacherabad the gentleman earnestly wished that many from amongst his orthodox community may follow suit.

Fri. 29. 7. 27.

Prison Shalme sent a maratha boy from Kolchur today for the Ashram but as the admission-forms were not found by him duly signed by his father, the boy was temporarily sent to the Branch Ashram.

Pasu went to Bombay by the evening train.

Sat 30. 7. 27.

Moghuls are Word-Breakers.

The father of some Moghul boys recently admitted into the Ashram, has been ~~repeatedly~~ insisting upon the Ashram authorities to accept from him some special provision and supply by the same to his sons here. Some days ago he was definitely informed that his offer could not be accepted at all as it would upset the system of the institution. The gentleman wrote today demanding his boys back in spite of his word of honour to let the boys remain here undisturbed for five years! And on the day the boys were admitted, ~~he~~ besides taking his ~~signature~~ written agreement, to all the Ashram rules, the gentleman was orally warned thrice about this particular condition of letting the boys remain undisturbed throughout the course. As to his complaint about the food, not the least change has ~~been~~ brought about in the ~~boys~~ boarding arrangements for the boys since the Ashram is opened. On the contrary the service is being gradually improved. In any case the gentleman had personally inspected the Ashram and witnessed the life lead by the ashramites to full satisfaction before he surrendered the boys. Under these circumstances it was no wonder that on receipt of the letter Baba immediately ordered for the boys concerned to be packed off to Bombay. The boys themselves seemed to have no objection ~~at all in any~~ or complaint against anything for short of food and when they were asked to prepare themselves to leave for home began to weep and wail. "We like the food and we want to stay" they cried when told that their father was dissatisfied with the food given to them here. It was with an effort that Baba could persuade them to go and conveyed to them "Go home now, and if you like so much to stay here, tell that

to your father. Persuade him to let you stay here without any special conditions and arrangements and then come back." Then addressing the Mandali Baba conveyed "I am not at all willing to send the boys away but I greatly dislike anyone to break his word when once it is given. I have now resolved not to accept any Mughal boys for the Ashram as these Mughals are word-breakers" The poor boys were sent away by the evening train!

A cricket match was played with the Rising Star team of Ahmednagar this afternoon when for the want of regular practice and weak fielding we simply collapsed and were badly defeated.

The discussion between Shri and the Mandali tonight chiefly centered round the floods and "green" famine in Gujarat, a disaster which was hinted at by Baba in the very beginning of the monsoon on vide lecture-notes on "Naya-Paramatman - God"

Sun. 31. 7. 27.

Baba remained in the Ashram for two or three hours this morning. The boys were invited to witness the cricket match played this afternoon.

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Mon. 1. 8. 27.

The school time table is changed from today and the school hours are fixed from 7-15 A.M. to 12-15 P.M. However because of the Nag-Panchami holiday, the first ² hours of the school this morning were cancelled, and a game of Aka-Sata was played followed by the distribution of sweets brought by Ramji who returned to Inherabad this morning.

All the Ashramites were divided in several different teams according to age and practice and were allowed to play cricket in the evening at one and the same time over

the extensive playground of the Ashram.

Babu played a few games of chess at night before retiring.