

Sun. 5. 7. 25.

Amongst the outstation visitors today were Behram, Burjorji, Kondiram and Abdulrehman who brought with them two bicycles sent by Baba for the local use. As usual A' Rehman did some sipping and returned to Sonavla in the evening accompanied by Inolon. In addition to the ~~our~~ daily routine the grinding work was also performed by the respective persons already mentioned in the morning between 7 and 9. Baba also passed ~~at~~ an hour at the Chakki very busily.

Wed. 8. 7. 25.

In the afternoon Baba held a meeting of all the mandali, when for about an hour he explained to each their respective duties during his "Silence" for one year. Many visitors have come to see Baba of late including Ghunte, Naval, Chanji Barsdap etc.

Thurs. 9. 7. 25.

The daily discussions and arrangements held and made since the last week in connection with Baba's 'silence' observing have come to definite conclusions and programmes. Besides the oral instructions and advice given individually to each member, general orders have been drawn on paper and affixed in the school for further common guidance. Behramji and Rustumji have been appointed the Superintendent and vice Supdt respectively to take charge of those duties of general supervision, inspection and responsibility about all the activities in the colony.

Ajron has been authorised to do all that is necessary for the well management of the schools and good conduct and condition of the boys. Gustadji is asked to ~~be in~~ exercise sole control of all supplies and distribution of stores. And Padri is held responsible for everything about the hospital and dispensary. All these five have been given certain hours in the day to talk ~~with~~ to Baba in connection with their respective duties, while all else have been forbidden to try to speak with Baba unless otherwise instructed through signs or writing. Amongst the duties allotted to each member Baba has set aside 2 hours ~~for~~ his daily for himself to grind along with the others "sentenced" to hard labour.

The parents and guardians of the boys were also summoned before Baba this afternoon. They were informed of Baba's decision to remain silent for one year from tomorrow. Baba himself tried to impress upon them the importance of letting the boys remain in the school without any hitch or hindrance under any circumstances during his "Silence". After a lengthy discourse the willing consent and promise of the parents and guardians was taken by Baba that they will under

No circumstances take away their boys from the school for atleast one year henceforth.

The mandali was also favoured with a very interesting and engrossing lecture by Baba. It was followed with rapt attention ~~so~~ by all in view of it being believed to be Shri's last lecture for many a months to come. The theme ~~so~~ can be divided into three distinct subjects. The "Opadesh" was centered round the necessity of living for others and using up one's own body for the sake of others. The explanatory part dealt with the reasons for the "Silence" which primarily came to heavy spiritual workings in face of the near expiry of Hazrat Babajan. While the last part of the lecture hinted to the future of the world which spelt communal fightings wide world wars and natural disasters which would take crores of lives and a free flowing of unimaginable <sup>quantities</sup> blood throughout the world ~~and~~ in general and in India in particular. However after these great devastating a reign of peace and tranquillity was promised for the world! Before retiring for the night as usual at ~~11.00~~ about 10.30. Baba gave the final advice to the mandali to always carry lanterns with them while out and about in the night and beware of snakes. With these last words ringing in their ears the mandali paid respects to Baba and began preparing for sleep.

Within 15 or 20 minutes of the final advice one of the mandali marked a big and dangerous serpent lying in the compound with the help of the lantern that was carried with him. In the absence of the light there was every chance of that "messenger of death" being treaded upon with fatal results.!!!

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]

The Power of Silence

Handwritten text in a cursive script, possibly a signature or name, written in pencil or light ink. The text is oriented vertically and appears to read "K. S. Srinivasan" or similar, though it is difficult to decipher due to the cursive style and fading.

Fri. 10th July '25.

As usual Baba came <sup>out</sup> of the "Zhopdi" at 5 in the morning and after having his daily bath came towards the Mandali. All were prepared to miss the daily morning enquiries, but to their pleasant surprise Baba enquired of almost every one of the Mandali, boys, and teachers through signs and writing on slate as to their health, sleep, food etc. Likewise, inspite of his vow of silence, Baba was seen all day busy as usual looking after the affairs in general and keeping an eye over the two superintendants in particular. The only remarkable feature was the ever present Bal with Baba ready with pen, pencil, paper, and slates, dogging along Baba's footsteps wherever he went.

Besides the peculiarity of silence about Baba and some minor misunderstandings resulting there from all went well and as usual at Inherabad.

Baba even took part in the evening Bhajan by ringing the 'Dals' for sometime.

Sat. 11. 7. '25.

Baba seemed to have gone angry owing to some apparent mistake on the part of someone from the Mandali and walked away for a good long distance towards the Station and there sat under a tree. When some of the party tried to approach him, with a view to plead for his return, they were turned back under the threat of being stoned which was conveyed through signs. However after about an hour Baba came back and became his old self again save for the silence which is being observed very rigidly by him.

Sun. 12.7.25.

Baba was marked to be continuing his vigilant inspection of all affairs in spite of his becoming unwell, and as a consequence Behramji and Arjun, the Superintendent and Director of schools respectively were taken right & left with signs and writings, <sup>about</sup> the irregularity that came across Baba's knowledge in school matters.

Our Angal, as per every Sunday programme, entertained the boys and the mandali with his beautiful expositions of the Puranic Kathas in the afternoon.

Baba also took part in the games today, with the boys, as well as the grinding work which he did for two hours.

Mon. 13.7.25.

The usual routine was followed today, and in spite of his silence Baba continued his careful supervision and watch over all affairs, specially the five 'officers' who have been appointed on the different departments of work and activity. The only remarkable change in Baba's movement marked today was that after his usual morning bath at 5 A.M. Baba again retired in the phopdi which he left late at nearly 8.30. A.M. On the report of an ointment box being missing from the untouchable section of the school Shri gave a very disciplinary demonstration of strong action by hustling out every boy of the section with the order of going home.

However after some time the boys were taken in after being soundly lectured to observe the strictest honesty in their actions and words. With the usual grinding and sports programme in both of which Baba took a considerable active part the day came to an end.