

Thurs. 23rd. July '28.

Baba's personal assistance and chief "Slate & Pencil" bearer Bal did not get up in time this morning, consequently Shri took a cold bath at 5 A.M. instead of with hot water as usual. As a punishment for the irregularity - Baba dispensed away with his services as his bearer and selected Mr. Telhans for this distinction. The latter did this service very attentively till 3 P.M. when Bal was again taken back on his displaying deep regrets very sincerely. As is usual ^{on every Thursday,} ~~most~~ there was a tea party at Sar Shakana's place this afternoon, when Shri explained some divine subjects noted elsewhere.

Fri. 24. 7. 25.

Shri got up late by half an hour this morning as usual owing to the back-ache that he has been having since yesterday.

Before his daily bath he had his back massaged with oil by Arjuna Master. The day was passed with the usual routine & activity, including the discussions of spiritual subjects which were that Shri led through writing with the mandali. The latter were found to be exceptionally interesting today.

Sat. 25. 7. 25.

Although Shri went through all his daily activities of school, dispensary, Hospital, kitchen and general inspection and grinding work as well as the some writing work that he has been carrying on of late behind closed doors specially in the morning from 6 to 8.30, he looked very pulled down and out of the mark. In the evening Shri got a raging hot-fever, and so for this apparent reason he retired in the Zopadi so early as 5 in the evening but did not take any medicine or treatment.

However the usual sports, Bhajans, and discussions of divine subjects were gone through by the mandali in every detail before they turned in for the night.

Sun. 26. 7. 25.

Baba came out of the Zopadi as late as 8 this morning and before taking a bath he again had his back massaged with oil through Arjuna. Inspite of the great fever he had yesterday and the consequent weaknesses today Shri went through his daily routine of work including grinding with his own hands.* The mandali was specially reminded today to be very alert and active in connection with the respective duties allotted to each. "Work till death" for this year or two was Shri's strong advice to all, as he added a good "fruit" awaited for all who laboured, in the near future and a respite after an unending tribulation.

because Shri concluded, the special time that is to come soon will be very exceptionally beneficial. Owing to 'Fag-Panchami' today sweets were distributed amongst the school boys and they were given a holiday. Swings were arranged for boys of all ages in two different places. Shri helped the younger boys to swing merrily with his own hands for some time.

Our Angel Vahil gave his usual Sunday Poor Puranic expositions this afternoon. His simple but sweet way of striking home the deep divine subjects ~~that~~ through easy and interesting stories and examples seemed to impress the boys very much.

In order to ascertain whether the boys properly listened to the Purans or not, Shri asked some of them, at the close of the 'lecture' to relate a few of the stories and subject. To the pleasure of all most of them gave in a good repetition of all that they had heard that day and at the conclusion were greatly encouraged with hearty clapping.

The Death Of The Uroped Devotee.

Mon. 27. 7. 25

It was a very unusual and painful day for all. Baba's only uroped Christian devotee, ^{suggested partly} Mr. Lewis Helms passed away out of his mortal coil early this morning at 5 A.M. It happened all so very suddenly! Mr. Helms had contracted a ^{slight} ^{though bad pressing} wound on his sunburnt legs of late. In spite of medical treatment, but owing to over-exertions which the worthy devotee underwent voluntarily this wound developed into a serious malady. Within a couple of days he was laid up in the hospital with septic fever ~~at~~ headache and diarrhoea. Last night when Shri was ~~at~~ his bedside he was heard to remark that Helms would be completely free of all pains by to-morrow morning! None at that time guessed the significant remark which came true this morning! For the present

the real Dr Kelhns was indeed free from all pains although his physical body was lying coldly in the Hospital. As soon as his death took place Shri asked Rustonji to go through carefully all the technical and legal formalities and then arrange for a decent burial according to the Christian religion. Accordingly the latter immediately started outwards Tegar on his motor-cycle and ^{brought} came back with him the District Civil Surgeon. He latter examined the corpse as well as carefully cross examined Dr Kerkel as to the cause ~~and~~ of death and treatments given to the deceased. After the medical examinations were over the Police were informed when the District Superintendent of Police and his assistant came to Deherabhad personally for investigations and inquiries.

The Police took over the ~~dead~~ few belongings of Dr Kelhns in their possession after making notes etc. Thereafter Rustonji sent a coffin and other necessary things for the corpse, which was duly placed therein, ~~after the usual custom~~ and then carried by the mandali to the motor lorry. All the boys of the schools and their teaching staff besides Shri Baba himself and the mandali proper gave a final ^{solemn} salute to the coffin before it was driven away. Shri also sent to Tegar some of the party to remain with the coffin till it was duly deposited in the core of mother-earth. At Tegar the corpse was attended to by a Christian priest and then duly buried in the Christian cemetery with all proper ceremonies of the Christian religion. Baba did not take any food or water from the early morning till 7.30. in the evening when those who had gone with the corpse returned back after seeing its decent burial. Then he took a few handfuls of food only, although he did his days work regularly and as usual.

On the contrary besides all his usual work, Shri also cleaned ^{to sweep} some dirt and refuse with his own hands that

was lying about the Jhapti from life, with his own hands.

During the discussions of divine subjects which were carried on as usual after supper, Shri remarked that "by dying Gethus had done away with his gross body; ^{but} his mind was still living.

And very soon this mind would take to another suitable gross covering or medium and surely again come in my contact"