

11th September '26

The Ganesh-Chathurthi holiday was duly observed today. An image of Ganpati was installed in the Sai-Durbar amidst due ceremonies after which the mandali did Baba's Puja! The boys were given a special dinner in the Sai-Durbar. Baba personally served them with the help of all the teachers.

The school sports were to commence from this afternoon but owing to a few heavy showers of rain the programme was cancelled.

Dada-chouji left for Bombay to get a type-writer tonight.

From Dadachanji's

Diary

16th September '26

The most notable events of the last few days were the Kirtans (lectures) delivered every night by ~~some~~^{one} of the mandali by turns under Baba's instructions. The first Kirtan was made by Arjorurao on the Khordadshah Jashan on the 13th. The next day Mohon gave in a masterful Kirtan. On the 15th it was Vishnu's turn to give a lecture. While ~~the~~ Syed sahib did the Kirtan tonight.

The latter's Kirtan was greatly appreciated by all, although all the rest were no less interesting and instructive.

26th September '26

Early this morning at 7.30. a party of 4 ~~gentlemen~~ gentlemen came to Meherabad. The prominent amongst them being Col. Irani and Prof. Kapadia of The Deccan College. Rustamji took them round the institutions without the parties recognising each other at first. It was only when Behramji joined them that the formal introduction was made as he at once recognised ~~the~~ Col. Irani and only then Rustamji came to know that the latter was his uncle-in-law.

Strangely enough (without any intimation) Baba did not come out of His retirement early as usual but did so as late as 10.30 o'clock

Consequently the visitors had to stand in waiting for nearly three hours, during which time they did not make a secret of their ill-feelings towards Baba and the colony.

Prof Kepdrie was particularly hostile in his discussions with Nohon whom he recognised as his own pupil. At first, he said he was greatly amazed to find such a cultured and learned boy "wasting" away his time over such 'superstitions'. Nohon was not backwards in meeting ~~this~~ such remarks squarely; then the party showed a great ingenuity as to where did all the funds come from for the upkeep of the colony. Nohon aptly replied that he had no concern to peep into private affairs specially as the funds were utilized in the best service of humanity and for the salvation of the poor and the needy. But the visitors said it was all done merely for Self-Advertisement and for falsely assuming Spiritual greatness."

And in this way there were long unpleasant discussions carried on between the visitors and some of the mandali which were however stopped when the visitors went to the length of asserting that even the great Spiritual Masters like Jesus Christ and Buddha were nothing but ordinary men!!

In spite of it all when Baba came out of his retirement at 10.30. the visitors were eager to see him but when Rustamji

urged upon their taking off their shoes before approaching Baba they hesitated and finally went away without seeing Him?

After the departure of the visitors, Baba conveyed to some of the mandali through signs and writing, that for people who are throughout the 24 hours of their lives engaged in the pursuits of let wine, women, and wealth, it is nothing but sheer hypocrisy to criticize or comment upon the great Truth. How can such people have an idea of the Truth since they cannot spare even a moment to think upon it in contrast to their continuous activities after material gains and pleasures.

It is a pity "said" Baba that the visitors did not care to see ~~the~~ me, otherwise they would have got the lecture of their life. Inspite of it all (their ill-feelings prejudices etc) their waiting for three hours would not go in vain, and they will be rewarded for their "unintentional pilgrimage here. It was for the same tendency of their minds that when they had been to Shri Dukhraj they were not allowed even to drink the water of the sacred ~~the~~ surroundings of Sopori." Continuing Baba went on "It is the general tendency of the human mind to consider and cling to its own ideas. Even in the realm of religion it is seen that Persis consider their own religion to be true and ~~the~~ call the rest of the humanity as Durwads. The same is the case with the Mosomedans. Islam and Mosomed are only true and all else is Kufir. The

Christians are no better. From their view point Christ is the only Saviour of humanity and all non-christians are heathens! Here Rustowpi put in that the Col particularly criticized the activities at Deherabaud and said that he - the Col - had read much about Jorsser and His life but ~~wrote~~ nowhere did he find any similarity to what was going on at Deherabaud.

Baba replied " In the time of Jorsser He did what He thought to be the best under the circumstances - Now I find this to be the best and I do it. I don't care whether the world takes it up or not.

~~said~~ Do it if you like, or go you all! What is it to me whether you or your relatives & friends or even the whole world will follow me or not? " ~~and for~~