

22nd. September '26 The Invisible Blow!

The Mandali came to know ^{early} ~~early~~ this morning that the enraged Traders of Arugam expressly slaughtered a bullock yesterday with the avowed object of seeing what Baba can do ~~for~~ them for breaking His order of avoiding the slaughter of animals under any circumstances! Now it so happened that one of the ring-leaders of this hostile group, Shankar Peshkar, who was reported being the person who had actually done the poor animal to death, while passing along Anherabad on horse-back suddenly fell down from his horse without any apparent shock or jolt exactly opposite to the Fisher-Hospital this very morning!! Some of the Mandali at once ~~and~~ ran to his help and others went and informed Baba about the incident. Shri immediately came upon the scene and finding ~~to~~ the hostile Shankar in a helpless ~~condition~~ and senseless condition sprawled on the ground, He signed the Mandali to remove him in the hospital. The Mandali obeyed the commands and irrespective of the person's hostilities rendered him every comfort and treatment. After sometime he

was brought round and allowed to go home unmolested!

~~In the night at 9 o'clock~~ A middle aged ^{Hindu gentleman} ~~man~~ who occasionally used to come to see Baba, came again tonight as late as 9 o'clock with a basket of sweets and flowers.

He was all smiles when he paid his respects to Baba and declared that his long cherished hope ~~had~~ ^{was} at last realized through Baba's grace and that his wife had presented him with a son this ~~ev~~ evening. It seems this couple were desiring an offspring since a very long time so much so that for this very purpose they had undertaken many pilgrimages and gone through many ceremonies and austerities. Before coming in Baba's contact however they were almost hopeless specially as they were much advanced in age and the wife was almost on the death bed with some illness. In spite of it Baba had promised the man that not only his wife would get recovered from the illness but also will beget a son. Hence it was no wonder that the ~~single~~ devotee did not fail to come to Baba as the first thing after getting that gift of a son irrespective of an inconvenient hour!

After the departure of this visitor Baba gave some explanations on "Shariat" vide 'Changji Lecture - notes' and then all retired for sleeping at the usual hour.

23rd September '26. Kisan's father's death anniversary was observed today, when in the evening instead of the milkless tea Baba served them all with "Khir" (a milk preparation) and Chapatis at supper. The welcome "Parasad" was very much enjoyed by all, and the same was taken by the mandali and the boys while sitting outside the Sai-Darbar amidst the recitations of songs and "Shoolas" 23/9/26.

Austinji went to Pune this evening.