

Mon. 8. 12. '26.

The first thing in the morning, a meeting of the mandali was called together and ^{some} new rules were framed and explained to all to be observed during the stay. All were asked to get up at six o'clock every morning and go to sleep at ten in the night. It was also decided not ^{to} allow visitors for Baba's Darshan till the 20th and to carry out this instruction Behramji and Pan... were given the duties of gate-keepers in the bungalow. The following programme about food was drawn up: ~~and~~

Morning : Milk tea and bread.

Noon : Rice & Dhal.

Afternoon : Milk tea.

Evening : Bread (roti) and a vegetable dish.

And has begun to be operated upon from this morning.

Joshon joined the mandali this afternoon and narrated ~~how~~ how in the 'heat of the moment' he passed ~~the time~~ the whole day yesterday at one of the Lakes at Farwah. Gopal Swami also arrived in the evening, while Khodoo left for Poona at the news of his nephew's dangerous illness there. Syed Sahib from Charni Road was allowed an interview by Baba.

Thur. 9. 12. '26.

For the last three days there was nothing worth recording save stray visits of some of Baba's local devotees.

Baba's new locks were distributed amongst the mandali on the 7th inst. Nana Mama came from 'Nagar this morning with an explanation from Kaka for the latter's hesitation in acting up according to Baba's instructions in connection with two of the boys that were to remain at his place. The explanation did not apparently ~~satisfy~~ satisfy Baba who asked Nana Mama to write Kaka to send away the boys

to their respective places. Baba also got much displeased with Nisal for his hesitation in repeating some words about Koba in Nana Nanda's presence and was ordered to pack off. Vishnuo was called and instructed to lead Nisal to Dadar and send him away.

Nisal however did not go and remained sitting outside the bungalow, when after some time Baba recalled him and as usual pardoned him away.

Baba also had long conversations ~~with~~ through signs and writing with Ramdas on the latter's private affairs and imparted fresh instructions in his difficulties to be followed to the letter. Two or three from the mandali have already been arranged to take to some services in Bombay during this stay! 'Chauji' is laid up with fever of late. A game of cards was also played by ~~for~~ Baba and some of the mandali for some time today.

Fri. 10th: Dec '26

A meeting was held this morning when the chief topic under discussion was the finding out some means of occupation for the 'idle' mandali. Baba conveyed them that the lack of regular work and occupation would spoil the health of the mandali as well as create an apathy for the work in future. And therefore all of them must do some kind of service during the stay. Work by some, in tea shops or other workshops was at first suggested by Baba, but the mandali finally gave in their verdict in favour of match making, or to be exact folding and sticking new empty match boxes and labelling them. It was probably Gulabshaw who suggested this work on

account of the Andheri Match Factory, ^{being} near at hand and their system of giving out such job-works. Baba gave in his consent, but added that if that ~~work~~ work was not available atleast twelve of the mandali (as per the list given to Behramji) must get themselves engaged elsewhere even as coolies if no other occupation was available.

Accordingly Gulabshaw, Kishoroo and Beram went to the factory in the evening and succeeded in arranging to get the work.

Sat. 11. 12. '26.

As per the arrangements yesterday, material to prepare a thousand ~~match~~ match-boxes was duly brought in the bungalow and the work was begun in right earnest.

Being quite new to the work, ~~the~~ in spite of their best attempts the mandali could make but a very slow progress. Baba thereupon allowed them two days of grace in which to pick up the work well and then bring out a certain fixed quantity every-day. Shri ~~himself~~ did some work at the matches too. Adji came to see Baba from Ahmednagar today as well as Balu from Poona.

The latter was called up in view of the growing weakness of Arjun as reported from Lonavla, to be instructed in remaining in attendance on Arjun and to relieve Harin and Sabnis there.

Mon. 13. 12. '26.

The two days of grace allowed by Shri for the mandali to pick up the art of match-box folding were over and from today Baba passed out orders that atleast 8000 match boxes must be turned out by them daily, or take to other jobs! Although most of them had by now, made

a good progress in the novel occupation ^{yet} were not ~~still~~ in a position to bring out the number of 8000 daily. Hence an emergency meeting of the mandali took place. All freely discussed the pros and cons of this match work and ^{other} work outside. Finally they again decided in favour of the match work and appealed to Baba to be lenient in the limit fixed by Him until such time that they were sufficiently adapted to the work. Sri granted the request but exhorted all to be very diligent.

Redistribution of the job was made today according to individual capacities and Kaikhasro was appointed to look after the work of bringing the materials from the factory and returning the finished product there with the assistance of two more from the mandali.

But in this connection Baba insisted that Kaikhasro and ~~to~~ his two assistants should walk both ways while going to and coming from the factory without taking recourse to any conveyance!

As a result of the ~~reorganization~~ reorganizations the mandali could produce 5000 match boxes today. News about Arjun from Lonavla continue to be discouraging and Balu, his brother was sent today to remain in his attendance there. The letter received from Ramji was read before all in which the writer related the recent dreams seen by himself, Dr. Ghani ~~and~~ Dr. Bivalkar and some others at Lonavla about Baba. Then the mandali members too related their latest experiences in the dream land. Dadishaw felt that while he was sleeping Baba was sitting beside him and passed his hands about his face as if He were giving him - Dadishaw Realization! Dadachanji who has just passed through a

serious attack of fever, related how "he saw a huge procession of richly decorated elephants in the dream, when the foremost elephant had again a decorated cabin on its back containing Hazrat Babajan's remains! There were huge crowds in the ~~procession~~ procession and all were found kissing the borders of the cabin as a mark of respect towards the lost remains of Babajan and so on...."

Today Baba also consulted each member separately in connection with a new move from Bombay. Shiraz, Kashi, Ajmere, Kasik and Talegaon were offered by Baba to make a choice from as the place for the future stay! Then a joint discussion took place that if Shiraz were to be decided for ~~settled~~ sufficient occupation for all the mandali will be available there or not. Somebody amongst the Irani mandali undertook the responsibility, but yet another objection was raised by Baba that in case if any one were dismissed from the mandali there, his passage back to India will have to be provided for and so finally, the question of putting up ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ Peria was dropped. Considering the near vicinity of Babajan, the accessibility of the place from all sides, and the ~~possibility~~ possibility of finding ~~easy~~ ~~work~~ work for the mandali easily Talegaon was finally selected today for Baba's future stay.

Ajjan's illness, the insistence upon work, the instability and uncertainty of a stay, the uneventful days, plain food and so on, have once ~~to~~ again begun to tell upon the mandali. For one reason or the other many amongst them are thinking of going away to their respective places. And as a beginning in this connection, Gurban left for Kolahpur and Hadirshaw went to Poona today.