

Fri. 23. 12. '26.

Pratapsji came to Baba this morning from Ahmednagar and soon after the mandali got the surprise of their life.

At his suggestion Baba once again decided to go to Acherabad! It was the last place that anybody in the mandali ever expected to go back to atleast for the ~~time~~ immediate present! But the immediate orders for a general pack^{up} following this decision showed it was no empty talk, however incredulous it may strike on the face of it. Accordingly arrangements to send away the ~~large~~ luggage all the heavy luggage by goods train to avoid the recurrence of a scene experienced by them on their arrival at Bombay, were started in right earnest. It ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{and thus the} ~~was~~ the busiest day for the mandali today.

Sat. 24. 12. '26.

As for the arrangements begun yesterday, the stay at Bombay ^{really} came to an end this evening. The heavy luggage has all been already despatched away to Ahmednagar by the goods train. With ^{the} remaining things Baba, the ladies and all the mandali left Bombay by Delhi Express for Ahmednagar via Tranmad tonight at ten o'clock. The latter ^{route} has specially been selected to avoid the botheration of Kaji's relations at Poona.

Sun. 25th Dec '26.

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At about nine o'clock this morning Baba & mandali once again came upon Inchehabad! The wonder and amazement of those ^{who} chanced to see them can better be imagined than written. None, not even the mandali ever dreamt of such a quick return, and so what to speak of outsiders, amongst whom some mischievous party had started all sorts of vulgar rumours about Shri too. The journey from Bombay to Ahmednagar was not quite uneventful. ~~From~~ ^{At} the very start, that is from Dadar the mandali had to experience a very hot time in getting themselves fixed up in the train with all the remaining luggage, which was still considerable.

The great excitement and animation caused as much humor as inconvenience too. Particularly the final scene on the Dadar Station last night, ~~was~~ when Pandoolum with the dog under one arm and a bunch of lanterns in the other struggling to squeeze in the over-crowded train, was one that provided some amusement to many of them. The other remarkable scene was about Baba returning the farewell salutations of those who had come to see them off, by putting out his hands over the big ~~big~~ heap of luggage which practically screened him and the party with him from outside view completely.

Similarly while effecting the change at Inamad junction they had not to suffer small inconveniences in the cold, dark, and "sleepy" hours of the early morning. Finally just two stations ahead of Ahmednagar Guntidji, Bekramji, & Jal when they got down for "necessities" they missed the train & were left behind! They came to Ahmednagar after some four hours with walking half the distance

and half the distance through ~~left~~ getting a lift in a goods train. By the time they joined the rest of the mandali, all had made themselves as comfortable as possible under the circumstances in the Dress-Quarters premises. The Ladies also resumed their stay in their separate quarters. Thus after exactly one month ^{that} Baba came back to the colony. The mandali undoubtedly began to feel the great gap amongst them on account of Ajij's sad passing away from amongst them. But they had hardly settled down that within a couple of hours Baba & mandali came to understand about Dr Karkal's dangerous illness at Ahmednagar. After the winding up of the Inker-Hospital it will be remembered that Baba had been kind enough in allowing Dr Karkal to have all the medical stores and things on very favourable terms. They proved very useful to Dr Karkal in opening up a private practice in the city. Within the short time of a month he had begun to have a fair practice thanks to the wide introduction that he had secured amongst the Ahmednagar public as "Inkerbaba's Doctor" while serving in the Hospital here. But unfortunately ^{since} only a few days prior to Shri's return at Inkerabad the poor chap ~~was~~ laid up with pneumonia. As a further coincidence, and a very sad one at that, news were brought to Baba in the afternoon that the good old doctor had expired leaving behind a young widow, an aged mother, and a small child in a sorry plight! Just three days after Ajij's death Karkal too followed him! No wonder ^{now} that at the impending deaths of two of the chief workers of the two important institutions at Inkerabad, the whole 'show' had been wiped clean out by Shri a month in advance!

Fri. 31. 12. '26.

The last five days were passed very busily by the mandali in once again settling down at the Pimpson encampment. Fixed places were allotted to all the mandali members in the Quarters methodically for their stay, and various duties were also entrusted to each for their daily occupation. A number of them were also asked to meditate upon God for one hour daily by repeating His holy name in the mind.

A school for the village children ^{has been} ~~was~~ reopened in the small bungalow, which is situated at the outskirts of the village and which was during the last stay occupied by Kulkarni and family. Messrs Pandole, Gadekar and Tisel have been appointed teachers in the school. The number of the boys has already reached the figure of forty. Some of the higher-class and clever boys amongst them have been put ~~to~~ into different schools at Ahmednagar at Baba's expenses for their further education. Amongst the local students, barring a few exceptions, ~~all go~~ all go for food and sleep at their own respective homes.