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Class transferred in company of
shree Meherbaba

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SUTAR CHAWL BOMBAY.

Return
at
(Meherabad.)
Diary
March 1927

of daily events in Company with

Shree Sadguru Meherbaba

From

To

1-3-27

Tuesday - 1st March 1927

F. returned early morning, from Bombay.

Arrangements were made for the school - re-started from to-day, Under Mr. Shete, as principal, with an assisting staff of 6 teachers - ~~Mr~~ Badacharji, Garkwad, Mool. Manna, Melandayji & Vishnu (whenever required) - Seats allotted, Furniture prepared, Course fixed & in short all the general arrangements were made during the day for the school.

General Conversation during the day.

Cricket in the Evening.

Wednesday - 2nd March 1907

The Maha Shivratri Holiday

The school was closed owing to the Maheshwari Holiday. A number of Bhaktas, from 'hagar & Aranyam with Prasad had been to Shree for darshana & puja etc. and a good prasad was distributed to the Mandali.

Shree was given a bath (स्नान) in the rear verandah, by the Mandali at 1-30 pm.

Arts-puja done at 2 pm. - Prasad given etc.

(Doctor Kaurya & Tyballe had been here this morning. Some private discussions & settlement of their affairs done by Shree.)

(Fest as usual in the evening -

Arts at Night - & order to go to sleep early at @ 9-15 pm.

Shree gave some prasad of ras at Night to all (Nawroz Samadon & Kup. went to Bombay, by the evening train)

Thursday - 3rd March 1924

Nothing particular - except the departure of Doctor Rangya
Lyabali, early morning, on foot. Shree came to the Mata
early at @ 5:30, awoke all, and before 6:30 all had
tea. General discussions & lectures by Shree, during
the day. In the evening, a party of Parsis - ladies &
gent came to D. abad - By ^{order} had some conversation with
them, and it was found ^{when} they came & spoke to Shree that
they had been here for darshana, as also to get a Cure for
a young lady (their daughter) who was suffering for a long
time, all the treatments proving of no avail. Shree said,
She will be all right. One of them - an old gentleman - then
gave his mind that why was it Shree had closed his mouth
(stopped speaking) & that it was a loss to the world in not
being lucky to hear your words & lectures etc. - what
benefit could you do (give) to the world by thus holding your
tongue etc. His (the Parsi's) contentions, Shree said, were
quite correct, but said nothing in reply. The lady asked for

Something is writing, but was explained that there had
stopped writing too. & they went away.

After Arti, there went for a walk at @ 9-30
& returned by @ 10 pm.

Friday 4th March

Nothing particular transpired - except a G. match
played in the evening amidst another team - & walk at night

Saturday 5th March 1927

Nothing particular - except a Motor drive to Nagar Station at @ 3 pm. tea taken here & back. (The party included three Russ. - aids - bel - gal - Das - Pad. & Choy.) all returned except Sad. who was to be taken to Nagar City - to the Motor Station for journey to Poona -

(Pa - Went to Poona - by Motor - started at 5-15 a.m. arriving at Poona at @ 9 pm. - Fine drive - nice scenery of plants etc. - halts at @ half a dozen places to take up & put down passengers. Management by the C's servants - No proper time & discipline - took @ half an hour for checking up of a dozen passengers - detained again at Ghod Nadi for Maulabdas as his puffing up relatives who walk in like lords, lazily & quite unmindful & careless for the loss of time to so many passengers. -

Trolley left passengers at Shamwar Wada hired a tonga & reached home (Mudy Bary) at @ 9-30. to the surprise of all - (the letter written from here on Wednesday having not reached there - till today - probably not posted by the Gaddi)

Sunday 6th March 1921

Monday - 4th March 1924

(Started early Morning - at 8 a.m. from Poona by the
Trilley - with family, for 'Nagar', and arrived at 'M'abad
@ 12 Noon, after a nice motor drive for 4 hours.)

On arrival here - Shree gave darshan, had a talk with
all the Members of the family & asked them to betakes
to the Stores - where all had the Meals, specially prepared
on Shree's orders (dal-bhat). After that all took rest in the
Store, while Inchejee & J. had a private talk with Shree,
in which Shree gave advice & instructions to Inl. - for
his studies & future career etc. Shree also gave advice @
Inchee & Inchee's others. At 3 pm. all started for a
return journey - after a darshan again.

Co. in the evening - and at Night.

Dr. & Ranza had been here this Morning & returned
by Motor at 10 a.m. Shree came out late to-day, at
about 9 a.m. It is significant to Note the events of to-day
late coming out of Shree - & arrival of Poona-Talgaon branch
mandala -

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Tuesday - 8th March 1924

Nothing particular - except writing several replies to letters under Shree's instruction.

Neel was transferred from here to 'Nagor' under Mr. Porter - & Chagan came in the School to teach in his place - Masang took charge of the kitchen assisted by her children.

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Wednesday - 9th March 1924

Shree remained near his seat near Dhuni, since morning - & ground some flour in the grinding mill specially prepared for him.

While visiting him - Shree spoke that he will stay (sit) here for 1200 years! & had a general chat - & some books - & morning programme was arranged - & the question of Shree Shreeji's 300th Anniversary (300th) falling on the same day (Janabli or Navroz) was discussed - & Shree said it had still time for 2 months - on referring to Papan it was found that Shree's contention was correct.

Thursday - 10th Mar of 1929

Shree was in his new seat at Bhuni ^{almost} the whole day, paying occasional visits to the hut (24) He had also been on the hill at 1 pm. Here, in his new seat, a few days there has been erected where Shree finds at will.

Several visits from Rogar - Villages - & Bhapan at 2 pm for half an hour only.

General talks in the evening - on the Bhuni.

At night - again a nice explanation re: the value & importance of "abhyas" (Devotion) which must be done promptly & conscientiously, concentrating the mind - paying attention to the inhalation & exhalation gradually. Simultaneously uttering the Name of God as instructed. Let thoughts come - they will come - but try to drive them away & keep the Mind cool & steady - thoughtless. & once you get a biting (one) of this, you will not leave it - at any cost, and will take a secret pleasure in it. Such is its secret significance & advantage.

(Pr. Commenced writing "Series" -)

Friday - 11th March 1922

Three - on the Shuni almost the whole day - grinding flour. The handle of the grinding stone being not properly fixed, shee had had trouble, and eventually, threw it away, feeling very (silly) that in spite of 3 orders, the same was not put right, and ordered breads (rotis) to be prepared out of the very small quantity of flour ground - (and some on an extra 2000) and said it was his luck - - The handle was subsequently put right again.

Then about the revision of the Mahabharat to be put in "Jain" - "Kasseri" - shee at first disapproved the same written by F. stating he didn't desire any emphasis being given either to the material education, nor to the ideal of philanthropy (dharma) but he wished to impress upon all the necessity of spiritual instruction - which was the only Aim of this institution - and the revision was thereafter changed accordingly - approved

Then there were some general discussions carried on
on poisons - viz. Snake poison, Scorpion-poison etc. and
the poison is reflected by these, what are their effects as
Anti-dotes etc. Shree recommending injection of boiled
tobacco - as the most effective antidote ^{Counteracting on} remedy, preventing
the effects of these snake-bite & poison.

There had been one old Hindu gentleman -
a retired police sub. Inspector, now crippled thro' leprosy, and
in a fix for the funds to get his ^{only} daughter married - and being
disappointed at the hands of "Shankaracharya" Mahatma Gandhi
to whom he was not even allowed to go & approach - much less
get any help. and being advised by all to approach Shree, who alone
would get his this work done - he eventually came here today with
this request. He had recd. donations of @ Rs 25/- from others, but at
least 200 would be required & Shree said - he will speak to Mr. Bhatia
rather in the matter, and settle the matter for him & the poor
man returned blessing three thousand humis.

Saturday - 12th March 1927

Shree on the "Dhuni" almost the whole day - going to the "Lupadi" only twice in the morning. Mr. Borker had been here - in the morning, and there was a very nice discussion on Joga-Samadhi - Realization - places - States - for about 4 hours (12 to 4) with Mr. Borker - (For details - Ask Mr. Borker - for his written copy)

In the evening - there came 2 medical practitioners from 'hapar' offering their service once a week - if a free dispensary & Hospital be opened here. They also desired working in Surgery - on smaller scales - and in case they saw a better & a greater demand, they would be willing to come twice a week - or on. Shree said - he will think over the matter - will let them know - if he desired to open a dispensary here - However, he asked them to give their services to the boys of the Ashram as also to others in 'hapar' which they hesitated - fearing loss of practice.

There were several discussions at Night - nothing particular - except gay talks - fun with Clap.

uptil late at Night. There came at @ 10-30 p.m. a motor Car,
dropping 3 ladies for darshan of Shree - who was fortunately for
them getting out till late at Night. The Male members did not
Come forward but stayed in the Car - & after the darshan,
the ladies walked away quietly. - and Shree too went in-
side late at @ 11 pm.

Sunday - 13th March

Shree on the Dham whole day - Usual visits from
'Nagar' - Discussion with Shree on the Review of "neherashtram"
laying particular stress on Spiritual instruction - Shree
struck off certain words in high praise saying Shree or
his activities should not thus be advertised etc.

There was a party - by Bapu (Brahma) for the birth of a
Son to him - a party of 200-42 (14/6) - & Milk tea etc.

(3-letters written)

Discussion with Shree Kaka (Chapa) - & till late
at Night in Moonlight - & to bed at 11 pm. - feeling ^{curiously} happy
(No sleep throughout the Night - wide awake thinking of
some ideas which came strikingly - with reg. to the scenario)

Monday - 14th March 1922

Shree Baba - on the "Shuni" - whole day - and had
been to the Zupadi in the Morning.

At noon - the Meeting - and the 2 important events
chronicled in the "Kausir-Hind" of yesterday were read out.

- 1) The New World Teacher - Krishnamurti - turning bad
and under medical treatment - & the paper's remarks
to Theosophists - from this event etc. It may be noted here
that Shree had time & again spoke that this poor Kr.
- will pass off - and this news quite justified Shree's
remarks - & still did Shree remark that "he will pass off"

Then @ Persia & the injustice prevailing there -
a Murderer convicted & sentenced for having murdered
a Zoroastrian was released - & allowed to escape, and
3 subsequent Murders of Zoroastrians were committed -
& the paper appealing three Mandals in Bombay to get
these injustices redressed, etc.

To-Night, while the Mandals was sitting beside

Three-on the Dhruv - and the Hafiz was splendidly
seen out by Adashis - a Motor trolley full of ladies & gents,
happened to pass in about in full speed, and the "Madari"
(the dog who had been here from Sakori) who was playing
with the big bitch, ran all of a sudden towards the trolley,
- dashed against the rear wheel, and died instantaneously
- without even uttering a cry of pain. It all happened so
suddenly, & so surprisingly that all were taken aback!
The dog was the pet of all - was very brave and, as of
taught others and brought victory in all the dogs here -
how to make a watch. The peculiarity of her was that he
was always present when the bell rang for the Mandali to
gather together in the Makas, and more particularly at the
time of "Arbi" at night when he used to walk here &
there - but present. Then another peculiarity was his regular
attendance near Three's seat - particularly when Three
had his seat at the Dhruv - he was all day & night found
there playing with his favourite mate. The sudden passing off

of such a fine dog grieved the hearts of all - But Shree
however remarked that his was a very lucky death!

No pain, No cry, instantaneous & that too just near the
Khuni-ahle Shafy was read out! Very lucky!

Shree then ordered a pit to be dug out - just the
same place, from where the "Bordi" tree (wood) was
uprooted this evening - and the dog was put in
amidst the presence of all the mandals - & Shree.

It appeared as if the tree was specially
uprooted for the very purpose of burying the dog
who was to die so soon - so unexpectedly - although
apparently it was for the purpose of "Holee" (festival)
festival, and the peculiarity was that not a single
cut was put on the tree. It was uprooted by mere
outside force - of being pulled down by being drawn
& dragged by all - with the aid of a long rope - from
all directions

Tuesday - 15th March
1917

Nothing particular - except some discussion in general -
(re: coming of Mr. S. M. Desai - reply to his letter - also to P. K.)

It being found that ^{many of} the Mandals members had no sleep
for the last 2-3 nights - it was arranged that a game of
atya-patya be played before going to bed, so that the
exhaustion may bring sleep - but to the astonishment of
all - there was a heavy wind blowing since evening, and
at dusk, rain began to pour in - and the game was not
to be played - This cold wind & rain created a pleasant
change in the atmosphere, and all had sound sleep
during the night.

Wednesday 16th March 1927

There was nothing particular - except going away
of one Narayan - who had stayed under a tree for about
^{a boy, sayas} 10-15 days - with a desire for a push in the line, but who,
hearing the talks of the members, got something in his head -
and quietly walked - being rather too hasty & impatient.

There arrived two other Saungans this evening -
after a visit to Hardwar, Rameshwar etc. - were given food
& shelter & asked to stay for 3-4 days.

Thursday 17th March 1927

Holce - holiday - school closed.

Usual Thursday visits - also present of Holce -

In the evening, Holce after meals. The big tree uprooted
the other day, was cut up & burnt.

Atya-patya etc. at night.

(There was some slight unpleasantness caused to three
before the game of Atya Patya was played, for lack of interest the

mandala displayed for the Game - Rich. was taken to task for the
advocacy of tea & jam etc - asked to mind his management & work
of feeding the mandala only nothing else, and all were asked
to clear away - After an interval however of @ 15 minutes, all
were recalled - asked to proceed with the Game, tea was served
in the interval and all were asked to sleep at @ 11 pm.

(There was no sleep to-day, too, to some of the members - 7 1/2 hours
for up till 1 am and they went to the open meadow in the field house
- last night, taking there up till 1 pm & slept @ 2 pm. The general
topic was a Queen's flower stories of the Garden of Knowledge Parish,
Some other subjects written by F. J. drew attention that
Shree had also written some very nice stories in the
past - sent them on to America - (@ 15 years ago) where
they were approved & highly appreciated - and Shree
asked to submit full particulars - which were sub-
sequently not sent up - Shree being in this spiritual
activities thereafter.

Friday - 18 March 1924

Shul-Padwa Holiday - School closed - Sports of the boys in the morning - left 10. a.m.

Then at 12 pm then called F. & B. K. and discussed re: Inkerashram, and expressed his disappointment as the disregard given to his orders & instructions by Mr. B. K. & B. K. on a/c of their connection with other institution which must be given up. There should be no interference in their affairs, by anybody or any brandal, and as these workers, who themselves expressed their willingness & enthusiasm to have an institution by their own hands. Were unable to follow strictly their instructions away from their connection with other institutions, it was better that institution be not opened at all - and ^{got a letter} written accordingly to Mr. B. K. & B. K. - delivered personally by Vishnu -

Gramophone at 7 pm at the Shuni - & Ash. @ 8.30

Sub. went home this morning - a little disgusted. It was his assayed that he should stay at Nagpur, & be busy here - as when he liked.

Saturday - 19th March 1929

Shree still at the Dhuni - Mr. Boker came at @ 10 a.m. - had a conversation with Shree info @ 4 hour re: the Chhava & said that yesterday's letter of Shree had upset their minds, but Shree as far as he was concerned, he was ready to give up all 3000 and do as Shree ordered - as Shree expressed his willingness to accept his services - as the Head of the Institution, with Mr. Boker, if available by giving his connection with other institutions & movements, as an assistant. The scheme - Shree said - will be successful if workers were successful and did as Shree ordered.

Rust & family came here by bus - had a discussion with Shree for a long time re: future activities, whether to keep connection or sever. Shree enquired this on some reports that fell on his ears - that there was a talk yesterday that all were disappointed & despaired - that it was not known if she would speak before 1950 etc - there were several topics on the mandali in light humour - and Rust rightly felt irritated at Rust light talks falling to seriously on Shree's ears, and strongly condemned the policy of some who merely

heard such light talks and put them the other way before Shree
etc. But was however pacified -

By
Tramphone at 7 pm upto 8-30 - archi -

(Pc) Shree had a private talk - enquired of plot of the story now
being written - details spoken - appeared - blessings - etc

It was arranged to-night, that as there was a heavy
meal tomorrow at Raya, and as the Navroz Holiday was
following immediately the next day, with nice dainties to
eat, the Mavdat should have only one meal to-morrow
- at Raya. (to be light.)

Sunday 20th March

Raja's Party-

At @ 10 a.m. three of a Mandala of 218 went to Napur- to Raja's place for the dinner party arranged to be given by him for his ^{sons} marriage. Three of @ 6 went with Mr. Rishi in the Chevrolet ^{Limousine} car - & the Mandala went after them in a trolley. Rishi informed three all that Mr. Sotalji Desai (of Navara) was coming by the noon (12.45) train, and three asked him to be brought to Raja's place direct from the station. In the meanwhile the Mandala had the dinner - a nice treat by Raja - (Meats for those who were left off in D. abad was sent by Raja)

after the meals were over, Baekle-huk (Pan-sopari) was served - and there came an invite from Mr. Gadekar ^{cordial} inviting three & the Mandala to tea, that day. The invitation was accepted and the three found at 3.30 pm. after going to Baekle's place for tea, as previously arranged. Mr. Sotalji Desai, arrived @ 1.30 - was well received, and introduced to all as the most popular & well known ^{between} writer in Gujarati literature.

After Shree's Arta, & ceremonies, & darshana were
over, ^{Shree} the Mandala started for ^{the} visits in Nagpur. Mr. Sorabji
Wesa was much impressed at these Hindus pay so much respect
& homage to Shree, and seemed much surprised. He was
given a special seat beside Shree in his small Car during
all the journey. Visits were given at Khan Sahab (Dangar)'s
place, some other Bhaiks, at Bhake's & Gadkar's - Arthias
done at all places, & tea & Pan-Sopane served, the most
impressive item being the love & devotion with which all
this was done, even by ^{people} repeated backward classes - the
devotion which they expressed even for Shree's darshana -
at all places. Crowds assembled at all places, anxious
to have Shree's darshana, & for which they made heavy
rush at almost all places.

The Mandala was ordered to return at @ 4 pm,
Shree & party going alone to Khatamji's place where they
returned about half an hour after the Mandala. Mr.
Sorabji was ordered to be taken to Bus place for to-day with

instructions to return here early morning, and while there
was engaged in some private conversation with Mrs. Burke Salt
- the well known, only was taken aboard and shown
different places here. He appeared much in good spirits, in
spite of his old age and the exertions of journey, which to him
too, was a surprise. For, as he himself said, he would think
himself before going out of Navsari, or going to the nearest places like
Marol - would take rest & sleep for a whole day, if he had
to go to Baroda, and it was simply a surprise, a miracle to
him to be so much active, & forgetful of any exertion
etc. altho he had so many days to sleep. Even his family
wouldn't allow him to leave Navsari alone - and they were
all surprised how he ventured to undertake such a difficult
task - alone etc. He however managed it right well -
and very lightly too, which is no small surprise for a man
like him (of regular habits) - He actually forgot ^{regular} eating, sleeping
and didn't feel indigestion (want of motion) for the last 4 days
etc. etc.

After a short time conversation with Shea he
went with Rukh to Khushu Quarters, with orders to return
early - to-morrow. But after he had gone, it struck
Shea that he had not slept for 3-4 days, besides had
exertions of journeys etc. and it would be better if he
be called over here to night so that he may have
good sleep in this calm atmosphere - and get up early
next morning. A note was therefore sent if he was
asked to be brought here - after meals - at 9 pm. - and
he came accordingly with adi - (in hukar) five officers
in Messaj's Quarters - I was to look to his
Comforts, every way.

The Mandala had no evening meals (those who had
been to 'kayor) as previously arranged, and practically all were
full - felt no appetite at all.

Monday - 2nd March 1927

Jamshedi - Navroz

Early morning, the bell went at 5 a.m. and the members all took whatever came in their hands - Ker. oil, pins, Khakhas, cardboard, bell, buple etc and proclaimed ^{welcomed} the advent of the New - Navroz - day, amidst joyous cries and sounds.

After the usual cleaning & washing etc. tea and Maazony (sya) were served at @ 6 a.m. Preparations were then made for hot-water to give a sacred bath to three, on the Dhum seat. All was ready by @ 9 a.m. - the bath given - dressed - and Ark & blessings ceremony done at @ 10 a.m. (Special Pooja Mangat Composed by Mr. Keik. was sung by Mr. Ardehian).

Photos were taken - and then the prasadi of sweets as well as ^{from} Navroz Table (of dry fruits etc prepared a Parsian style) was distributed & looted. The school boys and other outsiders too were given prasadi by three.

There was a fairly large gathering mostly composed of

Mandale Members, School boys, a few villagers, and a few
Bhauks of Nagas. (None came from M'centry - the fair)

General enjoyment until Noon - 12 - when meals were
Served - 2m - 3m - 4d - 2d - specially prepared for the day.

A Kaurwal was brought by Road from Nagor and
then came to the Market - specially for this treat, but as
his voice was lost up to the throat, most of the pleasure
of the fine things which he presented was gone, and he
was given leave after staying for an hour.

Milk tea was served in the afternoon at 2 pm.

Athya-palya match was played - near the Bhumi,
from 4 to 6 pm. when the evening meals were specially
served by three - in the Lupadi Compound in the open.

Meanwhile - Mr. Saraji Besai went round in a boat with 7
visiting particularly the hill-bank, and the Kitha-bes temple
in the village - etc.

After the meals, general discussions went on particularly
with the New Master (Mr. Besai) until 9 pm. when he was ordered

to go to sleep

Sarcel plays were arranged for the night - after 9 pm
and Fr. Padre Pedro, Phake Rutt. Beh. ^{Santa} gave a good treat -
by performing a small Comical farce -
all went to sleep at 11 p.m.

All Besars impressions of the day were very great.
It was indeed too lucky of him to have come on such an
occasion, and he got many of his doubts cleared - by this
visit stay with them.

He was ordered to proceed to Kedgaon (to have the
Sacred benchana of Shree Marya or Makary) tomorrow
morning with Fr. and then to proceed to Bombay tomorrow