

Tai Baba!

Meherabad
18-9-69

My dear Francis and all my dear ones
at Meher House,

This is to acknowledge promptly
your very enjoyable letter of Sept 7; and, thank
you very much, dear Francis, for the copy of your
second address given in Australia after your
return there. It is beautiful, beautiful indeed!
Please send here the printed copies of the
booklet of the two addresses. I don't know when
they will be printed and published. The two
addresses you have given in Australia also
equally apply to the Easterners here; and, had
you not put the restrictions, I would have
pushed these for printing in "Darya Vani" — Can't
help it, it is just like lunch! I want the
Baba lovers in India and elsewhere to read these
beautiful addresses. Your address to the dear
Darshanees in Poona is still under print
in The Awakener? Baba alone knows when
this will be out. By this time half a dozen
issues of Darya Vani will be out (each month)!?

I am really relieved to know from you
that you have received all my communications
and the Carton of clothes and the two trunks. I
have informed Jal Dastur about it. Our dear
Jimmy "the Dragon" is once again taking complete
rest in bed after another heart attack — the
second one. Heart attacks have become a craze!

I will be sending your letter and the copy of your address to Mehrwan. He will be happy to hear all the news and also to hear what you have said about his speech. Mehrwan, Jehangos, Mehrjee and K. K. Rama Krishna will share the "address" in Poona.

By the way Mehrjee's Perwin delivered a bonny son the other day — her first child.

There was a very amusing letter from Shoba from Tehran of his "safe" arrival — should I use the word comfortable? — Before he could go to Tehran he had to be in Quarantine for five days and before he could get to the shore from a special launch he and his trunk fell in the sea — all because of dear old Shoba's impatience to land on the soil of Iran!! He is now with the lovers in Tehran. So one more person is made happy.

I shared your letter with all at M'Azad and we are delighted to hear about the Anniversary celebration at Mehr House. We followed the programme vividly, at least I did, for you described it so well itemwise. Thank you! As for the weekly meetings at different homes, I can well imagine ~~of~~ the preparations under way each week at the home to be visited to receive the Baba-lovers in Beha's love. This is a very heartwarming programme and it is a very good idea. Hope it continues in His love in ever

* and Rano at Mani's request did a head study of Baba for the frontispiece for the Volume. It is a lovely piece of art.

increasing numbers.

Dear Mani was pleased to hear your good remarks about her recent Family letter. She wants you to know that this is the last of the series she started in December 1956 immediately after Baba's auto-accident near Satara. I don't know whether you are informed about these * letters (82 in all) being printed in one Volume by the Society For Avatar Meher Baba, N.Y. and the profits are to go to Avatar Meher Baba Trust, Ahmednagar (M.S.). Harry is after this project. You ought to have been in Meherazad when Harry was here for a month from 27th July. But to be fair to Harry, this time he was sober and more of a mandala than Happy Harry. He remembered you now and then and wished you were at Meherazad. This time Eruch had to bear the full brunt with Aloha in Iran, Francis in Australia, Pandu in his room with the Radio and Newspapers, Shari in his room collecting Baba-Material for his new book of 800 pages of Verses on Baba's Life. Harry and I were together for hours together. On an average I was for 12 hours with Harry every day for a month. You may now calculate yourself the amount of energy expended. Happily for Eruch it will help to shorten his (Eruch's) life-span.

Harry's recording reminds me of our dear John Grant, the editor in chief, editing the tapes of the Great Darshan. What a job he has undertaken! May beloved Baba help him to complete it. Mani wants you to please remind John that he had promised her to send one copy of the tapes - of Eruch's talk to Australian Men Group. Please convey our love to John Grant and to our adorable family of Baba's Billy-boy. My loving thanks to dear Ruthie and Jenny for attempting to do a tape for me on the evening of their return! So very thoughtful and loving of them! All men-women Mandali join me in sending our very dear Ruthie "Very Happy Birthday" greetings and very much Baba-love on her 21st birthday on the 29th of this month. Baba's Ruthie will be Baba's all the more by his constant "Nazar" on her and her dear ones at Meher House. We are very happy to hear that dear Bill and Joanne's loving nazar on Meher House has made it and kept it comfortable and cosy for beloved Baba! Hope Bill's Meher Handcraft project is gaining momentum. He must have received my letter in reply to his on the subject.

Padri is not at all pleased with the rains we have had recently and are still having almost daily. He says he is fed up and disgusted! There is so much water in Meherabad-well now-a-days that Padri had to remove the water-pump to save it from being drowned. The water level is almost ground-level! And

* your love has been
conveyed to Padri.

imagine our dear Padri's disgust with the affairs of our GOD! The water-level is now so high that the pump cannot be worked and the water is now being carried in pots and pans by the labourers on their heads to supply water to the residents on Meherbad - Hill. * Same story was said of our Pimplegaon Lake. The volume of overflow water was so great that it washed away 60 feet of those $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft diameter pipes, and despite water in abundance there was no water supply to A' Nagar town for over three days! What Leela! The weather at our end - in M'Agad - is like Mahabaleshwar during the rainy season. None had imagined such a change. The place and the neighbourhood is all green and there are many ponds and pools of water newly created.

Don's will was kept with the Westminster Bank London and he had willed all his estate to Baba "only and absolutely". This will was done in 1953 and since then there is ^{new} will found nor any codicil to the will. As beloved Baba left his body before Don's demise, it is said that Don died intestate and that his estate will now go to his family. This is one more example of Baba's Leela. Despite Don's Will & wish that everything of his should go "only and absolutely" to Baba it goes to someone else. Don ought to have made a new will or at least added a Codicil to the old one for "Avatar Meher Baba Trust" to receive his estate. (Aeli will be going to the U.S.A. on lecture tour next February. Harry wants Aeli in N.Y. on Birthday)

By the way, this reminds me of our dear Jenny. Please tell her that our dear Ruth White is still going strong and has proved herself to be a true "soldier of Baba".

Some days ago the earth in the Tomb caved in at the centre some 12 to 14 inches and all of a sudden the whole Tomb was filled very with very strong perfume of the pink Persian (Indian) Roses. It seems the top of the lid gave in at the centre. The termites might have damaged the thick planks we had placed on the cover (lid). We have now levelled the top of the earth and the earth-top is about six inches below the surface of the top flooring. This is just for your personal information. You can of course share it with dear Bill.

Pendu was very happy to hear the progress made by dear Michael. Pendu longs to have Michael on the list of the Australian Cricketers visiting India in near future. Pendu sends his love to him, and I don't think dear Michael will feel too much burdened to receive love from all his family at Meherazad, including Eruch of course. Pendu wants Michael to keep up morning running practice.

Naja is keeping well and busy as before. She was pleased to hear that you remembered her. She hopes that Joannie keeps a strict watch over you and feeds you with a good quantity of solid stuff! Hopes you have lessened the intake of tea. Naja sends her love to you, Bill, Joannie and the children.

Rano also keeps herself very busy with the typing and sketching and filing. She sends her love to you and to Bill and family. Mari, Gohar, Naja, Rano and all Mandali (Pendu, Baidul and Aloha) send you and all dear ones at Meher House.

Avatar Meher Baba Ki Sai!

Yours lovingly, Eruch

Also, Pendu wants Michael to develop his wrist and arm muscles by cutting wood or by some other exercises. This will help his bonding and throwing.