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sociates with the Government. But it is certainly true that the closer the association the less the service.

It is difficult to answer your last question offhand. I can explain if you see me in person. The usual time is 4 p.m. except on Mondays. I do not think a husband observing *brahmacharya* must forsake his wife. Of course, he should steadfastly avoid all privacy with her.

*Vandemataram from*  
MOHANDAS

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#### 94. LETTER TO HARSUKHRAI

ASHRAM, SABARMATI,  
*Saturday, Phagan Vad 7 [March 6, 1926]*

BHAI HARSUKHRAI,

I have your letter. I can suggest a number of remedies if you can forget that you have qualified for the bar. But can I ask you to take up manual work? Will you be interested in spinning and carding yourself and getting others to do it? Can you derive the same satisfaction that a labourer does in earning his livelihood? All my remedies are as easy as they are hard. But write to me if you can live the life of a labourer.

*Vandemataram from*  
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#### 95. WITH BARE RELIGIOUS RITES

Though the Satyagraha Ashram has kept before itself the ideal of inviolate celibacy, it recently celebrated some marriages; the events being of general interest, I have commented on them in *Navajivan*. I have discussed privately among friends how the Ashram which has accepted celibacy as its ideal can thus encourage marriages. However, a brief reply to the question for the benefit of readers who take interest in the activities of the Ashram will not be out of place.

If those who aspire to follow the ideal of *brahmacharya* accepted by the Satyagraha Ashram cannot even bear to see a wedding, I think, they will never be able to practise *brahmacharya*