

July. 25. 1. '27.

Further plans about the New School were discussed by Baba and Mandali in the morning.

At eleven o'clock a meeting was held to hear and discuss the war in China and the sending of Indian troops there by the Indian Government as reported ⁱⁿ the latest Indian Daily Mail. During the long discussions Baba passed many remarks on the situation, the gist of them was that if these frictions and hostilities in China do not cease soon and reconciliation arrived at, the British people shall be the greatest sufferers. They will lose everything, all their name, fame and possessions in the world.

Because with all their diplomacy and under-hand dealings they have already made almost the whole world their enemies and they will suffer for the injustices ^{that} they have caused to many people and countries. All this trouble in China was the outcome of Bolshevie Russia's mischief-making.

The war-discussions naturally gave rise to the question that in case if matters took a serious turn there was the possibility of Government taking back the Anjourn-encampment site for military purposes. Baba let the Mandali discuss the subject and offer many suggestions for such an eventuality but finally conveyed "Don't bother over this question. Raise the new-school as soon as you can and leave the rest to me. I won't leave the place."

His further remarks conveyed that the key of all the affairs in the world was with Him. When it would be turned by Him internally (in that direction) there would be a great conflagration in the world and still they

all here would look sitting quietly. It was Sai-Baba who started and managed to the end the last great war and still he seemed to be doing nothing sitting in an out of the way place like Shardi unknown to the world at large! The topic then turned towards the priest-class amongst all religions. The subject was started through the announcement in the same paper of the death of Dastoor Kikobad. Baba 'said' these Priests, Pandits, Thoolvies and Dastours did nothing but pray, preach and pocket money, ^{that} the blind-believing public poured out to them. But they alone are not to be blamed, the public is equally responsible for it.

The public should have the heart and the courage not to squander money after professional preachers.

But it is not so, the public cannot help spoiling money over the priest-class and then at the same time cry aloud that they are being unnecessarily taxed. Such is the world today! Take for instance the marriage ceremonies in almost all classes and creeds. Where is the need of all the fuss and show carried out in the name of religion on such occasions?

The main purpose of all the ceremonies and festivities is to give as much publicity as possible to the fact "that such and such man and woman have united as man and wife and none else to have a similar claim ~~of~~ on either of them. This aim could be achieved in a more ~~economic~~ economical way than the customary festivities and ceremonials, for

~~But the blessings~~ example through Government Registration and advertisement. As to the blessings of the priest-class which are profuse in exchange of fat-fees, there is little to be praised about. The

prayers and advice showered upon the couple amidst ceremonial rice and coconuts mostly amount something to this effect "Not to quarrel, not to separate from each other; love each other, live long and so on" These pious hopes and prayers are then sealed with wine and dining and many vulgar demonstrations under the very noses of the smiling priests. And so when the echoes of all this hum-drum^{die} or sometimes are still ringing in the ears that a couple begin to quarrel amongst themselves!

Where have all their blessings and prayers ~~gone~~ gone to? In fact the priests only worked as hired "mummers of prayers" and paid conferrers of blessings, for they pocketed the money and walked off! In short it is not these ceremonies, festivities, and 'paid-for' blessings that save us from evil consequences, but our own actions. What can the poor priests do if a couple comes to logger heads?

Their (the couple's) own understanding, love, and goodness towards each other that will keep them happy and their own quarrels that will make them unhappy. As amount of ceremonies and ^{hired} blessings will change this situation and fact. And hence all should face this fact squarely without wasting money over rituals and ceremonies.

Here some one in the mandali referred to Shri's sudden indisposition last night. Shrenpor Baba described how last night between 12 and 2 He had a queer experience. All of a sudden he found that the whole of the left side of his body had gone stiff and the circulation of the blood had stopped! It was with considerable difficulty that he could manage to draw Masaji's attention. Then Guesaji and Kaikhasro did their best in giving a relief through an immediate massaging and preparing tea for him. After two hours the condition

became normal but the side was rendered very weak. Shri said 'He still felt a great weakness all through his left side.

At nine o'clock in the night Baba and all the mandalis went for a walk for about a mile and a half towards the 'Nagar side, and then went to bed.

Wed. 26.1.27.

Discussions about the China War continued for sometime between Shri and the mandali this morning too. The question of ^{the} Indian armies being sent ^{there} by the 'British' Government ~~the~~, was particularly criticized by Baba who greatly disliked the act, as well as that of the Viceroy in refusing to ~~discuss~~ allow a discussion in the council on China. Shri repeated that unless Britain did not soon modify her policy, she was doomed!

Later in the day a meeting was held when the details of Nagral-Babajan's Birthday Celebrations to be held on the 28th inst were discussed and fixed up. Again at nine o'clock tonight, Baba and mandali went walking two and half miles towards Nagar and returned in the same way, and then retired for the night.