

Wed 6th Apr. 1917.
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Baba was reported to have passed the last night very uncomfortably. He passed several stools between 10 P.M. and 1 A.M. and retired for the night very late after that. This morning there were ample indications of the sufferings through which Shri passed last night. His pulse was found to be exceptionally fast today, being 114 as against the usual 86. Baba himself complained of severe stomach troubles before the mandali, and even conveyed that shortly he would stop taking all food, since it was not properly digested and consequently gave him so much trouble, while the people generally insisted upon him partaking the different Parades that they brought, and thus to please his devotees he was forced to eat in spite of the stomach troubles and had perforce to suffer eventually. In spite of his ailing health Baba was considerate enough to grace Bapurao Talati's place in the City to witness the "Kronj ceremony" of the latter's son this morning. Shri and about seven members from the mandali started at about ten o'clock from Maherabad for this purpose. After the Kronj Ceremony Baba was profusely farlanded by the host and tea and ~~sweet~~ Dhajjas were liberally distributed amongst all. From here Baba's party motored to Haki's place and stopped there for about an hour, when tea was again taken by all. The party came back at Maherabad in the noon.

There was an article in today's paper by Madam Schoppfloshee under the heading of "A Road to Salvation" in the course of which the author said "Bahaism is the only hope for India - Gaudhi and Japre having failed...." ^{upon which} Shri remarked that

66 Only those who are God-Realized are Perfect. Those who talk of Sects and religions have no wind of Truth and can never Perfect be"

A big pot full of the "Falooda" drink was received from Khan Sahib's place in the afternoon for Baba. Shri ordered this to be served to the mandali at 2 P.M.

At five thirty in the evening Baba called 'Chanji and asked him to read out the story of "Manaji Maharaj - The Superstitious" from Mr S.M. Desai's latest publication

"The Superstitious World" (E.S.H. 308). Following the completion of the story there were general discussions between Shri and the mandali, when Mr Bomanji also narrated the wonderful ~~past~~ early history of Baba's father. The details of Shekeryarji's eighteen years of wandering amidst great hardships as related are noted elsewhere. At the conclusion of Bomanji's narration Shri conveyed the following remark

"It was for this reason - of His father being a man of this spiritual line and having suffered so much for nothing but spiritual Enlightenment that He - Baba - took birth as his - Shekeryarji's - son. Shekeryarji was the only deserving person ~~(for this distinction of becoming the father of Baba)~~ in the family, nay in the whole community, who could be deemed worthy of being the father of One, who was to move the world ^{spiritually} in the near future"

After the Aiti at 9 P.M. Baba and some from the mandali went out for a short walk.

The party returned back within half an hour and then went to sleep.

Thur. 7th Apr '27

There were the usual Thursday visitors to Shri ~~in the~~ as well as Ramjoo from Talegaru.

Bhossabeb's musical Bhajan also took place near the Zhojdi between three and four in the afternoon. Some days ago Belhi had sent a pair of peacocks as present to Baba. Shri entrusted the birds in the care of Bomanji and family, and time and again reminded them to be careful of the charge.

In fact it was only yesterday that Baba had particularly warned the peacock trustees to be on the guard since so many dogs and cats were roaming about the place. Now it so happened that just as the Bhajan came to an end, report came that one of the peacocks was caught hold of by a dog and devoured to pieces! Baba at once worked himself into a serious and angry mood and began to blame one and all of the colony residents for this mishap. The Bil women were even asked to clear off there and then! For a few minutes the atmosphere became very tense and grave, and all assumed a gloomy silence.

But the funny part of it was that abruptly Shri even changed his frowns into smiles, pardoned all, and on the contrary conveyed to Bomanji, who by now had got a fit of the blues "Why worry for the loss of a mere ~~peacock~~ peacock when so many precious human lives were daily lost in the China War!"

There was another 'storan' in the evening and a really terrible one! A report was made to Shri that one of the newly admitted boys named David was marked to have indulged in the vile act of masturbation!

This was enough to send the whole place into fearful excitement. The mandali dare not think

what would follow next. Shri at once sent for the eye-witness Shanker, and made a searching cross-examination. The guilt was proved beyond doubt. There was dead silence amongst those present about Baba. The first question conveyed by Shri at the conclusion of the enquiry was "Be the school abolished?" Some such drastic proposal was expected by all in view of the serious nature of the grave act, but in spite of it none could find words to express themselves. The tense silence continued. Finding no answer from the mandali to the question, all were summarily dismissed away from the Dhoni with such a gesture ~~to~~ by Baba, that although it was a silent sign, it spoke thunder.

Within ten or fifteen minutes all were recalled, and the usual Aarti was performed as if nothing untoward had happened! After this Shri signed ~~all~~ for all to sit down and begin a story! ~~Naikharoo~~ and 'Chanji' each told an interesting tale, and at nine thirty all were asked to go to sleep.

The number of the boys in the school is gradually but steadily increasing, the number having reached to Seven by today; amongst whom fifteen are boarders too.