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To Portuguese India!

To Goa!

In the next month (September) Baba decided to go towards Goa. Padri however asked to be excused and begged to be left in Bombay as he said he had enough of the 'merry go round' and could tolerate no more travelling hardships. So Padri was dropped out of the trip and his place of management taken by Vajifdar. Thus the party was composed of Baba Gustadji Behramji Inasa and Vajifdar.

From Bombay the party came to Poone and directly took to the En. S. En. Ry and proceeded towards Panjim. Some extremely charming scenes scenic views came to be witnessed while the train passed through some hilly country for a few miles specially the triple waterfalls popularly referred to as "Doodya-Sagar".

However Vajifdar fell ill and by the ^{time} _{junction} station of Londa was reached he was completely laid up with fever. Baba became very angry on Vajifdar on some pretext and subjected him to a great onslaught of his usual nig-nagging. He was left on the Londa station platform with Inasa to look after him while Behramji was sent to get fresh milk for him and Baba went out personally to get food with Gustadji.

They found a somewhat tolerable hindu hotel at a distance of about a furlong from the station and took their meals there as well as brought some with them for Behramji & Inasa. After giving the milk procured by Behramji to Vajifdar the party proceeded with their journey.

Baba's nig-nagging brought about an unexpected change in Vajifdar's health. Instead of aggravating his condition the mental trouble caused to him made him quite alright within a few hours! At Castle Rock station all their luggage was subjected to disinfection

through steam excepting Baba's bedding which was managed to be passed through intact.

The Railway journey ended at from where the party boarded a steam launch

Panjim !

After a few hours refreshing cruising they arrived in Panjim and put up in a big Christian Hotel. During the stay here for two or three days however the party took their meals in a Hindu hotel. They were simply lodging in the former, except for bread butter and tea taken as breakfast the first morning.

Many notable sites and Churches were inspected here and in the old Goa nearby.

The most important place visited was the Church containing Saint Francis Xavier's ~~body~~ body, which has still been preserved with the greatest care and reverence and is a ~~sort of~~ pilgrim centre of Indian Christians. Besides the great spiritual importance of the place the church ~~itself~~ is also a ~~sort of~~ platial masterpiece of architecture.

This particular Church was inspected by Baba thoroughly. He even went up all the way to the Bell Tower through a dark spiral stairway. A huge metal bell was marked to be still ~~hung~~ affixed there in the dilapidated surroundings.

Again the party returned back to Bombay and put up in the Irani Transim No 6 at Dadar

Drifting!

During the following few months Baba was constantly on the move between Ahmednagar and Bombay.

Vow Of Silence.

While at Aungoor in November Baba observed a vow of Silence for a week from the 18th of that month and during this time he kept most of the time indoors. He seldom took food, and at times whenever Padri was asked to bring the same in the room the latter was ordered never to look at his face!

Only Padri Gustadji and Tussa were with Baba. Behramji was again sent to Persie after the Goa journey.

In December Baba put up in a room rented in the Bharuche building at Dadar with the above members of the Mandali. All though the stay here Baba took food occasionally, as mostly he kept himself on Sugar and warm water. During this period Gustadji was also made to fast for a week continuously i.e. he was asked to remain on water only, for seven days, ~~during this period~~ during that week.

Belgaum.

Baba also had been to Belgaum on a flying visit taking only Masaji with him.

The rest of the time we passed in Bombay in December ~~of~~ and ~~to the first to~~ January in a peaceful atmosphere as if recess hours were being enjoyed. Quadrangular Matches and Cine-Madelaine under Mr Dadachanji's management were amongst the frequent entertainments visited and indulged in.