

21st September '26.

Early this morning while some members were having a talk with Baba on general subjects, the topic turned on Sanyas "Renunciation" and this led to a fine "silent" lecture being given by Baba to the mandali (vide Chanji's lecture-notes). At the end of the same, the subject of the mandali's hardships and pleasures, <sup>that were experienced</sup> while working and tramping with Baba before settling down

at Tachersabad also naturally came to be discussed.

Someone at this juncture put in a suggestion that Baba should again start on a tour or tramp so that ~~the~~ the new-comers in the mandali should also have some idea of such journeys.

Baba willingly fell in with the idea on the condition that the members agreed to start on a journey without having a single pie with them and so during the journeys must remain contented on begging for daily food. Most of the party having agreed to the condition, a seven days tour was decided upon. Names of those who were willing to come were taken down and preparations were set on foot for starting at 10 o'clock this very morning? However just as they were about to start on the journey Baba conveyed through signs that they will go out only for one day instead of 7 days and so will be returning back by the evening. Exactly at 10 A.M. Baba and a party of 20 members started towards the village of Walli with only a gummy beg with each. It was quite a merry party.

Sarosh kept on playing the mouth organ while some of the others let out their feelings of joy with singing. Baba was almost throughout the tramping ~~on~~ given a lift by turns on the hands of ~~the~~ <sup>then</sup> a pair of the mandali. The weather was also exceptionally fine, and the hospitable clouds sheltered <sup>then</sup> all through the journey from the sun. However before reaching Walli, Baba halted three or four times in the way and took the sense of the party whether to proceed on or

return to Meherabad. The majority was found to be inclined to go through to the end of the programme of the day and so the camping was finally proceeded with. They however halted under the shade of a big tree at the outskirts of the village of Walki. Mama and another member of the party were sent to find out a garden or a suitable cool spot for them <sup>short</sup> stay for the day. Kaka was sent to arrange for tea for all of them at the village inn and Assoon was asked to get funds from Meherabad to pay for the tea. In the meantime one of the way-fares a woman recognised Baba and came near for His Darshan. Sri conveyed to her through signs to bring some food if she can. This reminded the mandali of their undertaking to go begging for their food and so all of them started in different groups to beg in the village leaving a few to keep company with Baba. The village of Walki was on the whole at first amazed to find the queer beggars let loose all about it. Some gave out food, some villagers asked the amateur beggars to clear out from the village, and a few even went to the length of abusing and taunting some of the mandali. Syed sahib and Pendu ~~came in the later~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~they~~ were particularly taken to task by the poor unsuspecting villagers and the pair was asked to do honest labour.

for their daily bread rather than go on begging since they had such healthy physies?

However the parties had collected sufficiently and so they all returned to Baba. The different kinds of food and eatables were all made into one ~~place~~ mixture by Baba and then distributed by him amongst ~~the~~ all the members.

Thus a queer dinner was taken by all but for all that the party ate to their full satisfaction and still had a lot in ~~spare~~ surplus. By this time the identity of the beggars and the fact that Sri Baba was also in the near vicinity quickly spread throughout the village and a large number of them began to run out for Baba's Darshans. Those who had refused the alms ~~at first~~ showed great regret and some even went to the length of cursing themselves for the lost opportunity and discoursing to Baba's mandali and persisted in bringing some food again. Mr. .... of Walker persistently entreated Baba to oblige him with His gracious presence at his house and finding his ~~hostile~~ attitude to be very lovable Baba complied with the gentleman's request and had a visit to his home in the village. By this time the village inn keeper had made the tea ready and sent about 50 cups to the party. After refreshing themselves up with the tea Baba and party started back towards Achchababad and reached the same by 3 P.M.

The surplus food mixture was also brought with them and this was distributed by Baba

amongst those of the mandali who had not joined ~~Him~~ Him in the excursion.

In spite of express orders to the contrary some boys were reported as having talked with their parents while going out for necessities. These Maher boys were called by Baba ~~before~~ before Him and questioned on the charges against them. All of them pleaded guilty in having purposely broken Shri's orders in this connection and so they were summarily dismissed from Nizherabad.

Their captain Shanwar however intervened and pleaded for pardon this time. At his request Shri recalled ~~them to~~ the boys and offered them pardon providing they agreed to abide by the oaths and promises that they had taken and given previously not to keep any connection with people outside Nizherabad including relatives and friends. But the boys insisted upon seeing their parents and hence they were finally dismissed again from Nizherabad.

A meeting of the mandali was there-after convened in the makan and Baba discussed with them the question of these Kachars. The following conclusions were arrived at with an overwhelming majority:

"Kachars should not be allowed to stay or even enter the boundaries of Nizherabad save those ~~who are~~ staying willing to stay here on the express condition that they would keep no connection with the rest of the Arangam

villagers. The same rule is applicable to the  
Brokar boys in the school and those boys who  
don't agree to this condition should be expelled  
according to this, such of the boys who were  
found unwilling unwilling to accept the  
condition were then driven out of the school