

Fri. 4. 2. '27.

The day began very gloomily. Baba remained locked up in the Jhopdi and as per the orders none dared to ~~venture~~ approach Him except the few orderlies. However in the afternoon at about one o'clock Baba came out of the Jhopdi, but silently walked away towards the Amjarn village side and after going some distance took rest under a tree. The mandali on seeing this immediately decided to follow Shri and ~~formed themselves into a deputation~~ to beg His pardon for any offence or annoyance done or caused by any one of them unintentionally.

They formed into a deputation and humbly approached to where Baba was lying under the tree and paid the usual respects. After the dead silence of about fifteen to twenty minutes Baba sat up suddenly and quite in an unconcerned manner asked through gestures as to why were they all there. The spokesman of the party replied that the events

events of the last evening coupled with the fact of His remaining aloof from the mandali had convinced them that He was really annoyed with them. Shri conveyed that it was not so, and distributed the fruits that a visitor had just brought there amongst them. Then Shri got up from the spot and began to walk towards Incherabad followed by the mandali. But here Shri again turned towards the zhopdi upon which the mandali requested Him to come to the Inakan, when Baba conveyed to them that He would come there afterwards and just then He wanted some more rest and peace and so went away to the zhopdi. Soon after some of the members were called in the zhopdi and Baba rediscussed with them for about two hours the new changes in the proposed school scheme. It was finally decided to get a corrugated iron shed erected near the Mess-Quarters according to the latest plans drawn by Pandob's brother. During these discussions Baba made ~~one~~ some of them recite a few couplets of Hafiz and explained the deeper significances of the utterances of this great Persian Sadguru. The following were the chief ideas contained in the couplets recited:

- (A) "Who told you to fall in love with the beloved (God) and when once you did that, don't murmur, keep quiet"
- (B) "A bird trapped in a cage must wait till the time the door is opened, and not to try (in vain) to break open the cage"
- (C) "The question of God-Realization for you is like that of the ant placed under the feet of an Elephant"
- (D) "The om () of the eyes of the beloved be experienced first and then one should try to look

upon the hairs on ~~her~~ head "

Baba also conveyed that this scheme of proposed education with free boarding, lodging, clothes, books etc was merely an inducement to enable Him ~~to~~ firstly to put as many boys as possible in the spiritual line, secondly to give them all the benefit of His "close contact" and thirdly to mould their morals and characters ⁱⁿ an ideal way.

During the day while Behramji had approached Baba in order to beg of Him to return to Tricheralad from the tree under which Sri was sitting then, Baba had drawn his attention to the general carelessness of the mandali these days and expressed His displeasure at the way the mandali were behaving without any discipline or orderliness. So when in the evening the Purans was ^{being} recited ^{and} Behramji found out that some of the mandali continued playing draughts and many others remaining inattentive to the holy recitations, ~~and~~ he ordered them all to attend the Puran. But he was very tactless in doing so. First of all he did not take the mandali into his confidence and explain to them Baba's expressed displeasure at such disorderliness. Then intentionally or unintentionally the tone used by Behramji in ordering about all of them was very haughty, and last of all he really acted beyond his powers for taking ~~to~~ Gaval to task as the latter did not obey his unnecessarily harsh and haughty commands on the spot. All this gave rise to a

a great commotion amongst the mandali and an open revolt against Behramji's 'managership'.

Consequently the rest of the day was passed very badly, accusations and counter-accusations were freely flung against each other by Behramji on the one hand and the rest of the mandali on the other.

However through Shri's intervention the storm was soon nipped in the bud and so far on the surface of it, the atmosphere became normal. Behramji admitted his having gone beyond the limits of his powers in taking ~~to take~~ Kaval to task for the disobedience, but all the same he and many others were severely rebuked by Baba for the unruly disturbance.

Sat. 5. 2. '27.

It can fairly be said to be a day of disturbances today. Although the illwill and excitement amongst the mandali that began last evening was hushed up, yet it left deep under-currents still active in the minds of many of them.

Particularly in the case of Kaval who insisted to get all orders direct from Baba and to no longer remain under Behramji's instructions. A meeting was held in the morning, when with his usual ~~kind~~ tact and kindness Baba brought about a complete reconciliation between all the parties that had come to wordy logger-heads last evening, in as much as Kaval, who so long strongly insisted upon having no connection with Behramji, also agreed to the old order of affairs, that is to remain a subordinate to Behramji. The latter also fell much in knowing that so many amongst the mandali had

reasons to consider him as unjust and vindictive although they themselves had elected him as the general manager only recently. But no sooner that order and peace were restored, that a dispute arose between Pendoo and Kaikhasoo. The former accused the latter with double-dealings. Once again Baba had to play the part of a patient-peace-maker.

These two were also reconciled. Baba ~~sympathised~~ sympathised with Kaikhasoo for his having been referred to as a double-dealer and Pendoo was made to withdraw the remark. But after showing displeasure against Pendoo for his quick temper Sri greatly eulogised his sincere services and good nature on the whole, and thus pacified both the parties. There was also a slight breeze between Pendoo and Wasaji and this too was hushed up by Baba in a suitable way.

Wasaji's failing health of late showed serious developments tonight. Baba immediately arranged for his removal from the jhopdi in the separate small room situated between the once operating room and dispensary in the Mess-Quarters. Wasaji was made all comfortable at this new place, and Baba gave up his own ~~bed~~ special bedding for his use. An orderly was also appointed to remain in attendance over the sick old man throughout the day and night.

Pusthaji went to Bombay this evening.

And save for the above events the day was passed away according to the daily routine.