

Sun 27. 3. '27.

As instructed last evening, at eight o'clock this morning one after the other, all the mandali members went individually before Baba and reminded Shri to attend the marriage ceremony this evening in the City. And thus the peculiar order was actually acted upon!

A discussion took place again about the Ashram between Shri and some mandali members.

Some applications that had ~~been~~ ^{been} received from some parents and guardians desiring to put their boys in the proposed Ashram were read out.

The contents were very disappointing since the writers seemed to pay no attention ^{to} the main aim and object of the Institution which was time &

again declared as prominently as possible to be the spiritual training of the boys. Instead of that almost all the applicants asked as to what material occupation will be taught to the boys or whether there was special arrangement separately for the touchables and the ~~non~~-touchables separately and so on. Baba 'said' this shows that there is no proper spirit amongst the Public as no one seems to be enthusiastic about the spiritual side of the Institution and hence it is better to drop away the scheme entirely! Baba did not confine himself to this talk but actually began to put it in action forthwith. Soon Padri was sent away in the city with a word to Rustomji to stop making further purchases of the building materials and also to stop payments for the tin sheets that have already been received here as these are to be returned back! And with these decisions the meeting was dispersed. In the afternoon at three o'clock another meeting was called, when Shri conveyed that on mature reflections he thought it would be better that after all the ball were set-a-rolling. "Why not send the printed forms of the rules and regulations of the proposed Ashram to the applicants and see what comes out of it?" "Even if we could get" Baba continued "2-5-10 or 12 such boys who are willing and fit to abide by all the rules and regulations as already fixed out, a start could be made with them, since there were already half a dozen such boys ready here including Babam, Duttos, Vitthal and Inulay" In that case, Baba 'said', at present nothing new will be necessary to be done.

The few boys that are willing and those who will come immediately can well be accommodated in the existing

premises and in the same way their boarding can also be arranged with that of the mandali. The present school will also do for their material education while some one in the mandali will be instructed to look after their spiritual training. However few they are, let the desirous come in and a start be made. When the number of the boys increases gradually, it would not take time to build new premises for their accommodation and so on, was the main burden of Baba's gesturing in the meeting.

The mandali also fell in with the suggestion whole-heartedly, and Vishwas was authorised to fill in the forms and send them away to the applicants. Baba also asked Kaikhasrao to write to His ~~the~~ (Baba's) mother to send in Adji if she desired him to be put in the spiritual line!

Thus within a few hours today the question of the Ashram took a big swing from the one extreme end to the other like a pendulum!

In the morning it was decided to drop the idea and in the afternoon it was again begun to be put into action! Baba perhaps wanted to show to the mandali that he did not only talk lightly of the world but actually acted as if it were really an affair in dreams. These "makings and unmakings" could only be indulged in by a man of the world in a dream. But with Baba all such huge plans and commitments seem to have as much importance as one would give to a game of cards!

In the evening Shri and a party of six

from the mandali motored to the city to attend the Sub-Inspector's daughter's marriage. On arrival there, the party found ^{that} there was still considerable time for the ceremony to take place and hence they went at Baba's place. Here all were served with good tea and refreshments. In the meantime a stout and healthy looking ascetic somehow found his way in and approached Shri with a request to be provided with train-fare to enable him to visit Haridwar and other sacred places and see the Mahatmas there. Baba aptly conveyed to him that since he was bent upon sacred pilgrimages why did he insist upon travelling in the Railway and require money. It was all the more suitable that he walked for the Darshans of the different saints all ~~the~~ over India! The Sadhu was non-plussed and could not make out a reply and eventually beat a quick retreat. After attending the marriage ceremony Baba and all came back to Fakhraabad some time after sun-set. Baba ~~for~~ then gave the mandali nice explanations through signs and gestures on "Circle" "Contact with saints" "Patience" & "God-Realization". One of Baba's remarks conveyed, that there was no other way of Realizing God as easily as through keeping company with Saints.

About the "Circle" Shri said, there was no fear of a failure, the clocks ^{are} ~~are~~ wounded, the alarm set-up, and when the moment arrives ~~the~~ it was sure to ring up whether the clock was near Him or far away. But then why remain at a distance? Be in company with Truth and when the time comes, the Light will come in in a second! Watch and wait - wait patiently like

the true aspirant who waited for twelve years at the bidding of His Master, were the final remarks of Shri in this connection. Then some time was passed in hearing the Phil watch-man, his experiences while trying to trace out the supposed robbers who had ventured about the colony two days ago. The mandali then took supper as late as ^{at} nine o'clock and soon after retired for the night.

Kisal went away home today, having been influenced with his mother's talk about worldly affairs. Baba felt much for his going away but remarked that he was ^{sure} to return to Him in the future. Champi had a private talk with Baba after ten thirty tonight about a booklet that he was intending to publish.