

Wed. 20.10.26.

## Yet Another Seat!

The day witnessed a new seat for Baba under the lime tree at the junction of the Dhond Road and that leading over the hill.

A meeting was called in the morning when Shri explained the reasons of this new departure. In view of the facts it was said to be very inconvenient for Him to go all the way up & down over the Hill every day. Then from this new position He will be able to keep an eye over all the activities in the colony while seated at one place and also be in easy reach for any reference on the part of the authorities concerned whenever necessary, & so on.

The big table near the Dhoni was reshifted here and the Supt's store room and tailor shop was readjusted for its accommodation. At four o'clock in the evening Baba took His seat at this new spot.

Just half an hour after this, a row was created through Masaji's unnecessary report to Baba that the Phil's wife was seen loitering about the colony, in spite of being prohibited to do so. Behramji was called up & blamed for this breach of order by Baba.

Who also 'said' that just because Behramji was not elected the general superintendant he was conniving at these mismanagements.

Rustamji was also called up & asked to resign his post in favour of Behramji and henceforth work himself as the Asst-Superintendent. The former willingly agreed to this and the matter was soon settled up. But when all the parties retired into the Tooran another altercation took place <sup>this time,</sup> between Rustamji & Erasaqi. The former rightly blamed the latter for taking trivial matters before Baba instead of first bringing it to the notice of proper authorities and this naturally led Erasaqi on the regular war path. Baba came to hear of the quarrel & once again called the parties before Him & showed his disgust at ~~the~~ such <sup>petty</sup> quarrels amongst the mandali. At first Shri threatened to stop all the affairs at Enherabad for this incident, but finding all going sad over the announcement he withdrew it ~~and warned~~ all with a last warning to all. The day ended without any further untoward happenings.

## The End Atlast!

Thursday  
21. 10. '26.

It was an extraordinary day from the very start. Baba was found to be in a disturbed mood. In spite of so many ~~many~~ warnings, many committed blunders, particularly about the latest order of not paying respects and talking directly with Baba. At ten o'clock in the morning some

selected members were called before Baba when He informed them with the following momentous decision: The school, dispensary, hospital, Sarai, Sai-Durbas, asylums and all other institutions to be closed and dismantled excepting the Mahan before the 1st of November. Baba and a few selected members to go to Persia and stay there till February when the others such as Rustom, Adli, Docto, Ramjoo & others will join them there and then to decide for a new future programme. A list of about twenty members going with Baba to Iran was prepared and instructions to get passport etc ready by the 25th inst <sup>for those who had more</sup> were actually issued to parties concerned.

Some were even allowed to ~~off~~ visit Bombay <sup>of Persia</sup> on Monday next for these ~~for~~ preparations. The discussions were carried out <sup>that</sup> very earnestly and seriously, ~~and~~ some of the mandali thought it a foregone conclusion that they would soon find themselves in the Persian soil. Within a couple of hours a general meeting of all the mandali was also called up and the same decision was put before them. The majority looked very disappointed to hear the same when Sivi presented a new point before all, that is although all the institutions were to be closed ~~finally~~, He would remain here with the mandali upto February ~~at~~ and not go to Persia on the following conditions:

1. There should be no distinction either in everybody's duties ~~or~~ food and general conditions
2. All to partake of the Dhal & Rice for dinner and milkless tea & Jawari bread both the times in the morning & evening which will be prepared by Baboo Brahmin, without observing any caste distinctions.



3. None to expect cash payments even of a single pie under any circumstances

Those who could not accept these terms ~~may go away~~ were asked to go away to their respective places and occupations. When opinions were taken almost the whole of the mandali was found willing to remain with Baba and accepted these conditions.

Their names were duly taken down as well as a list of those willing to go away was also prepared.

In spite of all these upheavals the usual ~~to~~ Thursday tea party at Baba's place was not forgotten and Baba and the mandali went there punctually in the afternoon. But the topic remained to be the same. While taking tea there, some details about these changes were fixed up. The question of all the school stationery and other things worth about 800/- Rupees was decided to be disposed away to the public for half the price. While the medicines, instruments, furniture etc of the dispensary and hospital estimated at 4000/- rupees was offered to Dr Karkal for only one thousand ~~out of which~~ less Rs 400/- as pay in advance for the next four months and a special allowance of Rs 500/- i.e. in all the doctor was asked to pay only Rs 500/- by the 100 proxims in return for the whole of the Ancherabad Medical department. A very generous offer to the good old doctor indeed!

Soon after Baba issued orders to begin the actual dismantling of all the structures from tomorrow, in the same way the Dharmashala & Hospital inmates were also informed to prepare themselves for a march-out the following morning.

The school boys were also given the same kind of notice. The parents of such boys who lived at outstations were written to come and take away their respective children by the end of the month, or in case if they wanted to let them ~~stay~~ remain with Baba on the conditions that the regular teaching and school programme would cease here after, as it will depend on Baba's own fancy and pleasure; the boys will be considered to be members of the Mandali and liable even to work whenever ordered by Baba, in that case to give in their willing sanction. Some of the big boys numbering about 25 ~~was~~ who were willing to continue the stay with Baba under all circumstances were sorted out & kept aside pending the permission of their parents while preparations for the rest to go was started in full swing, so much so that half a dozen boys actually bade Good-bye to the colony tonight. In all this excitement once again some one broke the order of not paying respects to Baba, who seemed to be very disgusted at first with such slips repeated again and again, but eventually cancelled the order itself when with a tremendous cheering the whole Mandali rushed towards Baba in paying Him their usual respects. From the private conversations that <sup>Rusthiji</sup> had with <sup>Shrij</sup> it transpired that Baba had not thrown all over-board in this general upheaval irrespective <sup>of</sup> their needs & wants, on the contrary every individual resident of the colony whether young or old had received His careful attention and that suitable arrangements were made for all ~~the~~ such persons including most of the school boys, which when he heard all, Rusthiji said "left me dumbfounded, contrary

to the feeling of sorrow that I had in the morning before talking with Baba, at the prospect of so many people being rendered homeless and helpless."

In spite of it, during some stray remarks Baba ~~is~~ convinced most of the mandali members including Kake, Mohan, Rajin, Chaji, & Vishnu, ~~and~~ that it was not He who was going back on His word but the boys themselves who had agreed to remain with Him under any circumstances till He spoke and now going away of their own accord because that the school was to be closed. <sup>Only</sup> <sub>n</sub> Even out of the 25 boys who express themselves willing to continue to remain with Him, let us see how many really stick to the end under the new circumstances.