

Sum 16. 1. 27.

Trivedji the parsi visitor was sent away to Sabari this morning with one of Kesh's relations. The former was asked to live there with Shri Trakhoraj for as long as he liked and to remain free-minded. Babu also paid him twenty rupees for his immediate expenses. Amongst the visitors today Mr Sathe and the city school boys ~~was~~ had also come for Shri's barshans. During the course of a 'silent-talk' with Sathe Babu 'said' tomorrow, he will have to dig a pit about three to four feet deep and then without giving any reasons for this strange remark abruptly turned the topic on other matters.

In spite of the three orderlies Babu's umbrella was found to be missing in the afternoon. This gave rise to a great excitement and commotion amongst the mandali. Meetings after meetings were called by Babu who assumed a great displeasure and anger over the loss. He declared that unless and until the umbrella was found out he will remain without food and water and similarly asked the mandali also to go without food, water, and sleep till then!! This led the mandali to leave no stone unturned in a strenuous effort to recover back the beautifully covered Umbrella. Andⁿ through search through every nook and corner of the colony was made.

But all to no purpose, the Parasol seemed to have disappeared into thin air! At four o'clock Shri called them all together and pardoned^{ed} the loss of the umbrella and ~~withdrawing~~ ^{withdrew} the restriction of food and drink against himself and the mandali. So sooner that this blessed umbrella incident was considered as closed down that a fresh trouble arose in connection with the leather water lifter "Dole" over the well. The latter was not only lost ~~through~~ accidentally through a slip but it left back a legacy of a serious dispute between Behramji and Pesholan. Again meetings and explanations

followed. Shri put it all down to misunderstanding and compounded the case between the Manager and Peshotan in a suitable way without offending both the parties.

However the duties of Peshotan were changed, and he was now appointed as one of Shri's orderlies.

After supper a tea party and a game of *Ata Palas* was enjoyed by all and thus the final echoes of the jarring incidents early in the day were put at rest completely, and an atmosphere of peace and harmony was ~~to~~ re-established again.

Mon. 17th Jan '27.

Vagir's Death!

The strange and apparently random remarks passed by Baba yesterday in presence of Satta Hester about his having to dig a pit, three to four deep, were no longer ^{so} such today. On the contrary the words proved a wonderful foretelling! Vagir, the helpless blind old mahomedan who has been given a shelter here since some time died this morning! Physically, the deceased was in a sorry plight since the very day of his arrival and was nothing short of a wreck. Under the circumstances death was no doubt a great relief to him. As soon as Shri came to know about it he caused the preparations for a burial to ^{be} made immediately under his own supervision. The corpse was given the last bath and wrapped in Baba's own 'chaddar' (covering) which Shri specially gave out for the purpose, and then duly removed to the burial place. During the latter removal Baba, personally ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~holding~~ held for some time the litter and accompanied them all to the burial place. Here the mandali members helped each other in digging out a pit (as foretold yesterday) about

four feet deep and some ^{also} engaged themselves in collecting big stones for the grave. Within half an hour poor Vajir's last remains were duly buried under Shri's personal supervision and finally Karim was asked to recite the funeral prayers in Arabic over the grave. Save for this recitation this remarkable burial was carried out without any rituals and ceremonies.

After the return from the burial all the deceased's old clothes, ~~some~~ belongings, and the litter in which his remains had been carried were all burnt to ashes and the mandali was asked to wash their hands, feet and faces with soap. The rest of the day passed away uneventful.

Cricket was played in the evening and tea was provided to all after supper before the usual Piti. During a general discussion earlier in the day, Shri conveyed to the mandali to keep away both physically and mentally from Women & wealth, and He will as He has already been doing put up with their other mistakes and defects. This alone - not thinking about women and wealth - He "said" creates in Him a love towards them and so on Baba dwell for some time on such questions of moral and discipline.

When all were snoring away snugly, somebody uttered a shrill cry, probably while dreaming, and this caused quite stir amongst the mandali in the mid night, but soon after sleep and silence ruled supreme in the colony.

Wed. 19. 1. '27.

The day passed out without any unusual event taking place, in general routine like yesterday. But at night some trouble arose when a meeting was held to reconsider the question of Shri's birthday celebrations.

Under the circumstances some suggested to inform all the likely visitors to come prepared on the Birthday for a quick

return the same day. An objection was raised against this proposal on the grounds that the addresses of all those who may come for the occasion were not known. Some said that arrangements for the regular visitors about ^{their} food and shelter must at least be made as best as possible under the circumstances. And after a heated debate somehow Kaval was appointed the manager for the visitors to look after their comforts with Peshotan to assist him in this work. However the tone and attitude adopted by most of the Mandali during this discussion did not please Shri and he was ~~found~~ in seemed to be disappointed with them all. To add to that Behramji lost his temper and seemed bent upon going away. For about two hours then a private conference took place between him and Babu at the Zhopdi. It was nearly at eleven o'clock that Behramji returned from the Zhopdi and went to sleep.