

## ERVAD PHIROZE SHAPURJI MASANI

37th Baj day.

Dini-Avaz Committee performed the Religious ceremonies of Baj, Yazashni, and Jashan (from the separate contribution collected for the occasion) on the 37th Baj (death anniversary) on 18-2-'80 of Behesht Behereh Ervad Phiroze Masani, at the Banaji Atash—Behram, Charni Road, Bombay. A lecture on 'Avan Niyash' was also given on the occasion by Ervad K. N. Dastoor under the presidentship of Mr. Jal Vakil (Ex—Metropolitan Magistrate of Bombay), where high tributes were paid to the life and work of the late scholar. We append below a short write—up by Mr. Nanabhoy Mama in 1943, which has been sent to us by one of our readers from Hyderabad.

### IN MEMORIAM :—

Ervad Phiroz Shapurji Masani, M.A., LL.B., Solicitor.

Born :—

5th September 1887 (Fasli Roz Farvardin—Mah Sheherivar)

Died :—

18th February 1943 (Fasli Roz Spendarmad—Mah Spendarmad)

Learned both in Law and Letters, Ervad PHIROZ was born for a specific and a well—defined mission which he so gloriously fulfilled, before he passed away into realms of brighter existence. This great mission was to strengthen and to stabilize the blessed foundations of "KSHNOOM", so auspiciously laid out by the Late Ustad-Saheb, Beheramshah Navroji Shroff. In the benign dispensations of the Great Unknown Ervad Phiroz was destined. with the loving and ardent co-operation of his high-souled colleagues, Dr. Framroze Sorabji Chiniwalla, Mr. Jehangir Sorabji Chiniwalla, his own dear brother Dinshah, and that genuine lover of

ancient religious lore, Seth Kaikhashru Burjorji Choksey, to sustain and to propagate for all humanity, the Sacred Science of "KSHNOOM", which is as the Light that dispels all darkness, and which is as the Reality that dissolves all Illusions. May the brilliance ever grow and spread! Amen! An Athravan by birth, and an Athravan by principles and practice, to Ervad Phiroz, the convictions of his heart were like the pleasures of his life; and his stern heroism in upholding them against all opposition was the finest proof of the high spirited traditions of his tribe. His high responsibilities were a labour of love for him; he responded with all the joys of a willing worker, and has, for all future, bequeathed them to hands as worthy and as noble, as the blessed ones of his revered Master, from whom he had himself inherited them.

May his Soul rest in Peace Eternal in the loving embrace of Sarosh Yazad!  
"Zarathushti Din Shaad Baad!"  
"Daad din-e veh Mazdayasni vaafringani baad Hafta Keshvar Zamin! Aedun baad!"

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mere messenger or liaisoner. He manages all the work with the outside world for the higher seven stages of priest, who do not mix there breath with any outsider, and some higher souls even do not look at an outsider, and as we have seen above a Fraberetar is not a carrier of any contagion from the outside world to them.

Here it is left to the good sense of the reader to understand that if a Fraberetar who is still on the 1st step, out of 8 stages of Priests, and who still is the possessor of all the powers enumerated above then what must be the status of the other six grades of priest, and the final, grade of "Sraoshavarez"—blessed be his name who was our Master's Master.