

The dinner was served at twelve in the
noon. Covers were laid separately for the un-
touchables on the one side and for the rest of the
mandali on the other in the same hall.

Shri preferred to sit with the untouchables.

but Kaka and some others in the mandali made the mistake of insisting upon Baba to join them and to leave the untouchables alone. Shri agreed to these fervent requests and came over from the untouchable side but displeasure was prominently apparent from His usually cheerful features. Consequently for some time an atmosphere of depression and gloom prevailed upon the whole party. On the ~~to~~ whole, however the meals were enjoyed by all amidst joyous "Khlokes" repetitions. (It would have been far better if the party mentioned above, had refrained from interfering in Shri's choice of sitting with whatever side He liked during the meals. And if they didn't like to see Shri with the untouchables they ought to have offered to join Him there.) At two o'clock Baba and mandali motored to The Anant Ashram in the camp. A very lively hour was passed here. Shri made some of the boys of the Ashram sing a song & also played for sometime with a blind boy amongst them in a very lovable manner. At 3 P.M. tea was served to all here, then Baba was garlanded by the Ashram authorities, and after the performance of a special Arti of Shri, the party started back for Meherabad. After a little rest ~~as~~ after reaching Meherabad, a game of Al-a-Patas was arranged and played by all till about 6 P.M.

Chhagan and Patti lead the two contesting parties respectively. There being no supper today in view of the heavy and rich dinner that all had taken at Kaka's place, the mandali set about Shri at the Dhoni discussing various topics. 'Chanji' was also asked to repeat a story before all by Shri. He did so, and the "Sati Sharap" story which he related was

well appreciated by Baba and all. At 9 P.M. all were asked to go to sleep soon.

Mon' 4/4/27. The Ramzan Id holiday was duly observed today. All the boys and mandali were served with milk-tea and sweets at eight o'clock in the morning as breakfast.

Then upto ten o'clock the boys were allowed to indulge in various games and plays.

In the afternoon at ~~2.30~~ two o'clock again all were treated to a tea party and sweets near the Zophedi and a "Bhendi" (Recitations) competition was also held. After the supper at 7 P.M. another "Bhendi" competition was held between two parties headed by Vishnu and Chhagan respectively.

About an hour and a half was thus passed amidst great amusement and excitement.

After the usual 'Aarti' repetition at nine o'clock all retired for the night.

Tue 5th Apr' 27.

The school authorities came in for ~~a stiff dose~~ a strong dose of a 'stiff stimulant' this morning from Baba. They were called before Shri, who ^{then} expressed His deep dissatisfaction with the loose management of the school affair in general and the careless supervision of the boys in particular which Baba conveyed was in vogue those days. At first Baba threatened to close up the Institution for good in view of this ~~recent~~ mismanagement. However after lengthy discussions the question of the

of the closing up of the school was dropped down and instead of that, to ensure the required discipline and good conduct amongst the boys, a Supervisor was decided to be appointed over them. Shri's choice fell upon Kaikhaosoo for this responsible post but the formal appointment was made in quite Baba's own peculiar way. Kaikhaosoo was called in ~~before~~ and was abruptly asked by Shri to explain as to why did he very freely mix with the ~~young~~ school boys, play cricket with them to the extent of breaking so many window panes, and in short to be so very ~~too~~ interested in the young ones. He was taken left and right and greatly criticised by Baba. After giving ~~these~~ Kaikhaosoo mental pinches Shri again managed to cool him down and then quite unconcernedly asked him if he would accept the post of Supervisor over ~~the~~ the very boys! And upon Kaikhaosoo showing his willingness to shoulder the responsibility he was formally declared to be the Director and Supervisor of all the school boys for all time. All this hum-drum naturally caused the rest of the school authorities to be more alert and active about their respective duties, too. Thus the day began with a talk of closing up the existing school but quite the opposite thing happened later on. Baba soon again started the topic of opening a new school for the village girls too. And before the sun set over the day arrangements were almost completed for this new Institution! The Dangaon Police Patel's "Wada" (yard) was selected as the place for the proposed new school. The Christian lady who had worked the girls school during "The Stay At-Meharabad" period, and who of late has again

placed herself at Baba's service, and given quarters in the "Post-Office" with Bonaji's family, is appointed over his new school.

A parcel of presents was received from Mr S. N. Desai of Darsari. It contained a nice cushion for Baba, a beautifully embroidered Silken piece as a mount for Shri's photo, and several books for some of the mandali members with whom Mr Desai had struck a deep acquaintance during his last short ~~here~~ stay here sometime ago.

While reading yesterday's Jane-Jamshed Shri particularly pointed out a passage from Gandhiji's Autobiography to some of the mandali and also asked Champi to cut out the same passage and keep it on file. The purport of the passage was something like this that he openly declared and accepted that he was quite unworthy and unable to undertake even the stopping of the butchery of sheep near ^{the} Kali Temple at Calcutta, much less carry out the work of salvation for humanity at large or do service of his country.

At 7 P.M. the mandali was called over at the Dhooni and Shankarnath was asked to repeat the story of "Vikram and Shan" before all. The story was greatly appreciated.

The usual Aarti was performed at 8.30 and at nine o'clock Shri went into the Ladies Quarters and remained there for about an hour. Amongst the visitors today there were some soldiers from Indian soldiers from Allahabad who were all allowed interviews by Shri.