

Surr 10th Apr '27.

In view of all the dismantling yesterday and the cancelling of the day's programme right at the eleventh hour, the mandali was out of spirits this morning. Finding this to be so, Baba reconsidered his order, and finally allowed the Ram-birthday to be observed after all in the noon as well as promised to attend the ceremonies in the Ashram.

A new spirit of joy and enthusiasm was infused in the mandali with this decision, and a general scramble once again began amongst them to ~~arrange out~~ make the necessary arrangements. A discussion also took place near the Dhoni about the new Ashram, in the course of which Baba asked Ramjoo to try to give publicity to the new Ashram in the news papers, particularly Urdu papers to attract mohomeddan boys. Similarly 'Chanji' was also asked to bring the Ashram as prominently as possible in the Gujarati papers to induce ^{of Gujarati Hindus} Parsi boys to join it.

In short, Shri conveyed that He wished that boys of all classes and creeds should take equal advantage of this unique Institution. 'Chanji' was particularly advised to pay attention to the Karachi press too since already some discussions were going on there about Baba. In this connection

Baba also expressed His wish that Mr S. N. Desai may also write something in the Karachi papers.

Baboo cyclewala of Poona who had come to see Baba early this morning from Poona, was also present during these discussions. Besides narrating the general Poona news he also informed the mandali about a letter that Baily had recently received at Poona from Karachi in which it was said "There ~~was~~ now a great interest taken in Baba's writings and activities in the Karachi press as well as in ~~the~~ the local Theosophical Hall, and there is a demand of books and writings conveying full details of Shri's life and teachings" ~~It was in fact this~~

In reply to various questions and instructions asked for by Baily through Baboo, Shri conveyed "बिबो बसि रसि रसि बि बि बि बि बि बि - जे बोजो ड" "Don't involve yourself in any worldly commitments. Business and household life is not for you. Something else is meant for you" and Shri also repeated that Baily should only stick the instructions given to him personally when he had been here on the last Birthday and accordingly continue to stay in Poona doing nothing else. He - Baba - will see to all else. Then the poetry composed by Baily in praise of Shree was read, corrected and additions and omissions made in it under Baba's instructions and finally 'Chamji' was asked to include it in the short life sketch of Baba which is under contemplation for publication in the form of a small booklet. Then the topic turned over Shri's futura activities. In the course of these latter discussions Baba asked Ramji to come and stay here. And it was decided that Ramji should stay here twenty days every month and ten days at home. Similarly Baba ~~to~~ ~~Babu~~ ~~cyclewala~~ conveyed an abrupt question

to Baboo cyclewala whether he was willing to follow suit that is come and stay here. The way that Baboo spontaneously blurted out the very moment the question was put "I am alright" created a burst of laughter amongst those present. Baboo meant ~~that~~ he was alright where he was and did not want to ^{be} caught napping by Baba so easily! Shri too smiled at the promptness shown by Baboo in avoiding the 'net' but added "If ~~he~~ were really to turn the key Baboo will not only leave everything and come here but will not go back from here even if pushed out. And so also will Sadashiv do, although at present he does not even ~~to~~ care to write Him a letter, being afraid that he would be called and asked to stay here" Baba also remarked "That a time will come when He will have to upturn the whole of the world" Baboo Upon this Baboo said, he remembered, that when once he was present near Babajin, She told to all those around Her "That this Boy ^{of mine} (pointing towards Baba, who was also there at that time) will shake half the world."

Here the discussions were ended, and Mr Argal pleader began his special Kirtan (lecture) in connection with the Ram-jamma ceremonies.

The actual "Birth" ceremony was gone through as usual by swinging the small specially decorated cradle amidst sacred chantings exactly at twelve o'clock. Then the special Arti composed by Kaki for the very occasion was sweetly chanted by Baban and Duttu, followed by the usual 'Arti' by all. The sweets brought by Baboo cyclewala provided a nice 'Parasado' along with the "Pamari"

and when all had finished paying their respects to Shri the gathering was dispersed. Considering the short time at the disposal of the mandali in rearranging the ceremony, it was well observed in a fitting manner.

Besides all the mandali and school boys the lively gathering included a fair number of Baba's devotees from the city and the local village too.

In the afternoon when again the mandali was seated about Baba, discussions took place mainly about Gandhiji. The same cutting taken out from the game-jamshed, a few days ago, containing Gandhiji's "Experiments With Truth" was read (see page 197) which ~~also~~ said "that he - Gandhiji - was unable to do the work of bringing about unity amongst the Hindoos and mshomeddians and had given up the attempts in this direction, leaving it to some greater Power that will appear in the future to do it". Baba conveyed, it was Himself that would bring about unity between all the classes and creeds in the world and particularly in India, but Gandhiji will be dead by then. He - Gandhiji - will not live long to see Shree speak! It may be remembered that once before while remarking about Gandhiji Baba had conveyed that "Gandhiji will either come and surrender to me, or will die before I speak". Continuing the same subject this afternoon, Baba further remarked "He - Gandhiji - was not destined, otherwise he would have boldly thrown off (given up) everybody and everything and come here, or surrendered to any other Realized Master, but he had not that courage and preparedness (at present) and people too won't leave him. Hence, he is placed in this situation of not being able to see things done according to his ideals....."

A party of mohomeddians including ladies and children, while returning from a pilgrimage to a Saint's tomb, unexpectedly ran short of Petrol and their lorry stopped dead in the midway between Meherabad and Walki. It was nearly sunset, and besides the inconvenient question of procuring petrol they naturally felt afraid of an attack from robbers for which this part of the country has of late become very notorious. Two persons from the party came running post-haste at Meherabad and approached Shree for help. There was no petrol in stock to be given to them, but nevertheless all possible facilities were afforded to them immediately by Baba merely on the strength of their above story.

A cycle was placed at the disposal of one of them to go to Nagar and get Petrol from there, and the other was given a potful of milk (from the quantity specially kept aside for Shri's own consumption) for the crying babies in that lorry. In this way the stranded strangers were greatly relieved and eventually proceeded towards their destination safely after some time. Through whatever reasons the two mohomeddians had the good fortune of coming in Baba's near contact, and not only that, but also getting the present (Giyaz or Parasad) of milk from Baba.

Some in the mandali thought it to be due to the working of the Saint whose tomb they had gone to visit, that they were placed in such a situation as to be forced to come in Baba's contact who was 'living' and hence ~~not~~ all the more profitable to be visited to than a tomb!