

Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Apr '27.

Preparations for the opening of the new Ashram are in full swing, and everywhere the necessary changes, additions and alterations are being steadily effected. A new <sup>sign</sup> board for the 'Hajrat Babajan High School' was also ordered to be got ready by Baba, and 'Chanji was entrusted with this work. As a fresh example of Baba's careful workings, which often saved much time, money and energy even in the material ~~business~~ affairs of the Colony, it may be noted here that soon after giving the order for a new sign-board, Shri came upon a big tin sheet lying idle hanging on one of the store-walls. He at once instructed Padri to mend and cut it out straight <sup>as as to be</sup> suitable enough for the purpose of the required board, and thus the extra expenses of a new board and the time it would have taken in getting it from the city were saved.

In the same way Shri provided another instance of His all alert and watchful eyes. While on a random round in the school premises He marked out a weak spot in the roof. One of the <sup>3</sup> ( ) was found to be in a dangerous position and likely to collapse down at any time with disastrous results!

Baba immediately called for some carpenters and through His peculiar system of hustle-bustle and threats got the work finished within a few hours, which in the ordinary way would have taken one whole day.

There was some trouble about the boy Ramaji. Rev. Sahib reported for his disobedience, upon which Shri sent for Ramaji and asked him through the usual signs, why did he behave like that and

whether he wanted to go away home. The boy replied in the affirmative to the last question, and so Baba ordered him to return back the new cycle and pack off. After Ramaji's going away Shri sent for his father, Revji and explained to him the situation. The latter was all apologies and regrets for his son's misbehaviour and ~~so~~ requested ~~of~~ Baba to allow him to go home and persuade Ramaji to return back. Shri granted the request. But it did not prove a fruitful mission. Revji returned back soon in a very sad mood. He said that instead of his repeated persuasions, pleadings and threats the boy remained unmoved, and now either he would go away from his house or would drive out the boy, but under no circumstances he would let Ramaji loiter here and there and get spoilt under his very nose. At this Baba signed at Revji to have patience, and once again sent for Ramaji and questioned him as to why did he behave like this and whether he still wanted to remain here or not. The boy remained silent as to the reason of his sullen mood but declared <sup>again</sup> that he did not want to remain here. At this juncture Baba seemed to have read out Ramaji's mind ~~so~~ and offered him to stay here with the mandali and not with the boys. Ramaji readily fell in with the suggestion and said he was willing to stay on, on this condition.

And in this way the trouble was averted.

After sometime however Baba conveyed a few words of advice and encouragement to Ramaji but indirectly, addressing the same to the other boys in his presence. The latter were 'told' that he - Ramaji - was an excellent boy in all other ways save for his pride. That all should cultivate humility, courtesy, and politeness which are the real indications of a true gentleman and an educated one. <sup>That's</sup> Education is always humble, it teaches humility and not pride. The example of Dadabhai Navroji's life was also conveyed by Baba as to how, he used to study under street lamps and even when he became a great man how marvellously humble, he remained. In the same way the boys were asked to mark that in spite of their higher education how humbly Gholan and Gadakar <sup>others in the mandali</sup> were behaving with Shri and so on they were impressed upon to cultivate humility and do away with pride. These indirect remarks to Ramaji <sup>soon</sup> brought about a marked change in ~~the~~ his behaviour.

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Apr. '27.

The work of the new Mahan for the mandali near the well is begun today along with other repairs to the existing school-premises and preparations for the new changes to be brought in force after the 1st May. The new school sign-board is also ready. Considering the frequent calls made upon 'Chamji' by Baba and the consequent interruptions throughout the day, it is very strange indeed, how 'Chamji' could finish up the board-painting work by this evening in one day.

Mr Birkar had come to see Baba in the afternoon



when in the course of Ashram discussions Shri also conveyed an interesting explanation on "Yoga and the Spiritual Planes" (Vide detailed notes with Rajsahel and Vishnuo).

There was some trouble between Anarwati Patel and his son-in-law Baboo on domestic affairs and in the course of this dispute the former was marked to have beat his own breast and head because of not being able to carry out Baba's instructions properly: It this Shri intervened and brought about mutual peace and the matter was hushed up.

After the "Arki" at night, some stories were repeated by some of the mandali before Shri and the rest of them; and after this all retired for sleep.

Thur. 21st Apr '27.

Besides one Mrs Bilimoria from Karachi, there were the usual Thursday-visitors from the city and surrounding villages to see Baba since early morning today.

According to a programme previously arranged, <sup>in the afternoon</sup> Baba and mandali ~~were to Rajah's place at Phonednagar in the afternoon~~ <sup>to</sup> enjoy a tea-party which <sup>Raja</sup> ~~the host~~ had arranged because of a son having born to him recently. It transpired that as Shanker had to go to Nagar on an urgent errand he was served with tea already before one o'clock, the time given by Baba. And Shri seemed to be very displeased with this.

However a normal atmosphere was soon brought

about, and Baba asked Raja to give another 'party' to the mandali on the 30th day of the new-born babe and to take care that none else was served before the partook of the same than, and also assured him that the boy will have a nice future.

The Sanyasin who was out for a ramble at the orders of his Guru since 24 years, and who was with the mandali since last Sunday, was, today allowed to resume his wanderings again by Baba, and accordingly he left Tucherabad this evening.

The Parsi-lady from Karachi also returned by the 5.15. train in the evening. At first it was arranged that since 'Chanji' was to go to Bombay, he would accompany her, but in the afternoon 'Chanji' received a letter from Dastoor . . . . . announcing his arrival and so he had to cancell his Bombay-visit for the time being. Still 'Chanji' went with the lady as far as the Railway station, and after seeing her off returned to Tucherabad on foot.

At night before going to sleep the mandali sat about Baba discussing general topics, when some stories were also again narrated.

28th April '27.

A letter was received from Ramjoo saying, that through Mr D. V. Ambedkar, the Associated Press correspondent at Poona, he has arranged to get the 'Ashram' news published in the following papers:  
The Times Of India. The Bombay-Chronicle. The Indian Daily Mail. The National Herald. game-jambled Bombay-Samachar. Kava-Kal. Dnyan-Parakash. Sind Observer. Leader. Hindoo. Basumati. Forward.

Search-Light. Tribune. and Deccan Herald  
in all about sixteen papers.

Besides Ramji, 'Chanji Boker & Ghanvi  
Bhosoo and many more mandali members  
are busy in arranging as wide a publicity as  
possible for the new Ashram, and so far a good  
progress has been made in this direction.

There is no less energy and activity spent  
for the other arrangements of opening this Institution  
formally on the 1st of May. In fact Baba and  
mandali seem to be working tooth and nail  
in working out the various details from morn to  
eve these days. The Ashram is the order of the  
day. Even in the course of stray topics and  
discussions this is the only question that comes  
forward again and again to be discussed from  
every possible angle of view.