

Fri. 18th March 1927.

The school remains closed for the 'Dhul Padwa' holiday today. Sports amongst the school boys <sup>were</sup> held in the morning up to ten o'clock.

At two o'clock in the afternoon Shri called for Behramji 'Chauji' and Dhake and discussed with them the Incha-Ashram affairs. He conveyed His disappointment at the way Messrs Borkar and Satha were carrying Ashram affairs. Because of their connections with other Institutions besides this Ashram, Baba 'said' they could not follow His own instructions to the letter and spirit.

He 'said' He never liked any outside interference in the management of His own Institutions by any person or associations and this was impossible so long as the chief Ashram workers maintained their connections elsewhere. It was because of Messrs Borkar and Satha's enthusiasm and insistence that Baba 'said' He had arranged to let the Ashram be opened in the city and now these very workers were unable to carry out His own instructions. They must disconnect themselves from all other Institutions. Under the circumstances it <sup>is</sup> ~~would~~ have been better that the Ashram Institution is not opened at all, and so on Baba continued expressing His dissatisfaction with Borkar and Satha. Finally a letter was drafted out on the above lines and then sent to Mr Borkar specially at the hands of Vishnuo.

Gramophone was played for sometime after seven o'clock in the evening at the Dhooi, then after Arti at 8.30. all retired for the night.

Another notable event of the day was Rustumji's retirement from Incherabad. He seems to have had enough of the stay with Baba under the present

circumstances. Baba has also allowed him to go and stay home and be visiting Meherabad whenever he liked to do so. And according to this Rustonji left the Colony this morning.

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> March '27.

Shri still remains at the Dhuni Seat. Mr Borkar came to see Baba at ten o'clock this morning and conversed with Shri for nearly four hours! He said the letter he received yesterday at the hands of Vishnuo greatly upset his mind. That so far as he was concerned, he was willing to disconnect himself of all other (3१३३) activities and do as directed by Baba. Baba then accepted the services of Mr Borkar as the head of the Institution and allowed him to take Salta as his assistant provided that the latter agreed to make himself first free of all other connections with other Institutions "The scheme" Baba added "will be a great success if the workers remained sincere to the end and did as He told them to do". Following Mr Borkar's visit Ruston came to see Baba with his family. He too had a long interview with Baba. First, for some time, discussion between Baba and Rustonji took place on the subject whether there should be any longer any connection between them, since the latter was reported to have declared himself disgusted and disappointed with Baba, yesterday, before going away from Meherabad. In fact yesterday, some of the mandali members had a fit of the blues.

And naturally the discussion amongst them was about the apparent aimless-ness of life as lead by them. Some had said that it was likely that Baba would begin to speak after 1950 and so on, the talk was carried on with a great pessimism. But inspite of it all the parties concerned never meant any disrespect ~~of~~ or lack of faith in Baba's state of Perfection. Yet there are some such over-enthusiastic members in the mandali who in the zeal of showing their great spirit of "Renunciation" + asceticism cannot help interfering in other peoples' affairs. And it was someone from this latter group that misrepresented the above topic of 'Disappointment' to Baba and caused all this trouble and vasation to the members concerned and to Rustoji in particular since he took a leading part in that discussion. After giving him some mental pinches, Baba passified Rustoji in the end, and once again an atmosphere of peace and tranquility prevailed over Puchrabud. In view of the dinner party tomorrow at Ray's place and the celebrations of ganshedi - Navroz (Parsi New year) following the <sup>very</sup> next day, when too a nice dinner programme has been arranged, it was decided tonight, that the dinner at Ray's should be the only meal for the mandali tomorrow! Gramophone was played for about an hour and a half till 8.30. in the evening when after the usual Arti repetitions all went to bed.