

Fri. 25. 3. '27.

In the early hours of the morning an ~~an~~ alarm was given out that there were robbers in the colony.

Immediately all the mandali was out of their beds and arming themselves with large Bamboo-sticks they set-out to look after the intruders. Finding no traces of any robbers the mandali once again went to bed. However it transpired afterwards that there was actually a scuffle between some robbers and way-farers a little distance away from Incherabad and as a result of it some people were looted there. But as the mandali had confined their enquiries and searches in the Incherabad boundary, they could not give any help to the way-farers. When Sri came to know this incident in the afternoon, He blamed the mandali for searching for the robbers only in the Incherabad surroundings and not going beyond it, and instructed that hereafter an alarm was to be given out even if any trouble was heard outside their own boundaries and all possible assistance rendered to way-farers.

At four o'clock in the evening a meeting of the mandali was called for near the Dhoni. The question of opening the proposed Ashram at Incherabad and not in the city as already arranged, was the chief theme of <sup>the</sup> discussions that followed. It will be remembered that on the 26th of Feb last Baba and some mandali members had gone to inspect some

suitable plots for the Ashram near the Cotton-Market in the City and also had actually approved of some land there for the <sup>same</sup> purpose. But since then it has been found out that in view of the complete observance of all the instructions and advises of Baba the Institution ought to be situated at Achehabad itself. Besides thereby the Ashramites will remain in Baba's constant and close contact.

Hence all favoured this idea, and it was decided that the proposed Ashram was after all to be opened at Achehabad as per the ~~first~~ original programme. The following details were also settled up

- (1) Mr Borhar to be the Head of the Institution.
- (2) Mr Dhukay to be the Principal and Head of the Education Dept.
- (3) Mr Behramji to be the Head of the Boarding and Lodging Dept.
- (4) Mr Vishnoo to be the Assistant to both the above gentlemen.
- (5) The present school to be removed in the cottage near the Village.
- (6) The new school to be held in the present Maham premises (Cross-Quarter).
- (7) A new premises to be erected for the mandali's stay somewhere near the Dhouri and the well.

Now, Baba conveyed, many new persons will come including graduates to serve in this Institution and so if any of the old mandali showed signs of hesitation and unwillingness, they will be put on the ~~so~~ 'retired list' that is will be fed twice a day without any work. In short Shri exhorted

all to be alert and active in this work. It was also pointed out that how when once Shri thought of a plan He put it into action sooner or later. This very scheme was begun to be discussed by Baba almost the moment He returned at Tucherabad from Bombay. And although apparently it was frequently shelved out; it has after all begun to bear out fruit now in spite of so many difficulties and obstacles, and particularly the 'backing out' of one of its chief workers Gur Satha.

At night Baba and the mandali went out to select the site of the proposed new Tukan; and the old Bhamashala site near the well was finally approved by all, then for some time general discussions took place on the activities of the Bhils and their tendency towards crime and loot. The mandali also came to know how the well-known outlaw of the district "Sakhya Mang" had begun to run straight now, through Baba's contact. So long he was a terror for the surrounding villages and a very "dangerous customer" but of late he confessed before Baba all his past crimes and promised to lead an honest life since he said whenever he set out after a crime he <sup>felt he</sup> was haunted by Shri's august presence and virage! He had also demonstrated before Baba and some of the mandali his marvellous capabilities in the line of "violence and crime", particularly his ability to ~~climb~~ climb the steepest wall with his back!

Sat. 26. 3. '27.

Today being the "Khordad Sal" (Parsi new year, according to the new system) some of the mandali requested Shri to give them a treat. Jilebis were still found to be in balance, so Baba ordered that these be

distributed to all the school boys and the mandali with milk tea in the evening. But unfortunately milk was not available then, and as the mandali had to remain contented with light milkless tea galebis that were served out to them at four o'clock in the evening. There were again some discussions about the Ashram between Baba and Borkar today.

In the evening Shri passed a peculiar order to the mandali, that every one of them was to approach Him <sup>individually</sup> tomorrow in the morning and remind Him to attend the marriage ceremony to be held tomorrow evening at Ahmednagar at the place of that poor and crippled Sub-Inspector of Police, who it will be remembered had come to Shri for help on the 11th inst, and eventually got it, as a result of which this marriage is to come off tomorrow.