

Fri. 8th Apr '27.

After a long gap once again the question of The Ashram came to the fore front. At five in the evening Sri called a meeting of the selected members amongst the mandali at the Zhopdi and informed them that he had for once and all

decided to open the long proposed Ashram at Incherabad.

Then in a tone of right earnest and yet in lighter vein Sri conveyed to those assembled "You all should give your sincere opinion on all the questions I put before you; otherwise you will get the birth of frogs in the neat life and be devoured as pickle by the Chinese in the great China War that is to take place and the like of which the world has never seen"

After lengthy discussions the following points were decided about by a majority of votes of those assembled:

1. The new Ashram (to be known as Moker-Ashram) be temporarily opened (pending more suitable accommodation is made ready) in the cottage near the village which was formerly used by Kaka & family as their residence.
2. The Ashram inmates to have no connection whatsoever with anybody and anything outside the Ashram boundary, not to come in contact, with even the rest of the Mandali excepting for the purposes of their studies and education in the existing school, but that to during the school hours only.
3. Behramji, assisted by Pandu, Chhagan and Sidhu to be in charge and management of the Ashram and carry out the working of the institution strictly according to the rules that may be laid down by Sri.
4. Rustomji to be in charge of the Mandali vice Behramji and manage the affairs of the Mandali.
5. The following designations are given to the respective officers and henceforth they should all be called and known by these names:

Bekramji (In-charge of Meher-Ashram) Buva Sahab.

Kaikkhaaroo (In-charge of boarders but not Ashramites)

Rao Sahab.

Rustomji (In-charge of Mandali) Bade-Sahab.

Shakshalkar (In-charge of H.B. School) Principal Sahab.

After this Baba assigned different duties to the mandali members who had nothing particular to do ~~to~~ and <sup>also to</sup> those who were not full-time occupied as He conveyed "I never like to see anybody idle and without work". Accordingly Jal was appointed an all time orderly to Baba. Padsri was asked to do the extra duty of a teacher in the school for three hours daily besides looking after his usual Dispensary work. Likewise, Rustomji was also ordered to do the work of teaching for three hours daily in addition to his duties of ~~look~~ the mandali management. Vishnoo was appointed a full time teacher in the school and so on many more minor changes were made in the duties of almost all the mandali.

Instructions and hints to the parties concerned were given to make ready all the necessary time tables and rules. In short all arrangements were begun to be made and the necessary instructions were given by Baba to bring ~~the~~ the new change into force from the lot of tray.

At noon Baba and some mandali members had been in the city, and paid visits there at Khan Sahab Granis pond and Mr Satha's places, and partook of meals and



and refreshments at both these places. At two o'clock in the afternoon after returning from Ahmednagar, Baba also paid a surprise visit in the newly opened girls school in the Anugson village and saw that all was in order there.

Amongst the visitors today there was a party of men, one amongst whom had lost a son since the last three or four days. The unhappy father was almost in tears over the loss and solicited Shri's blessings for the restoration of the boy, who was so long untraceable in spite of exhaustive searches. Baba consoled the man greatly and promised him that his son would soon be found out safe and sound, and when the boy turned up to bring him here. In the meantime the man was asked to continue his searches and enquiries and also suggested Sarola him to go to Sarola where recently a big fair was held.