

7th May '27

The day passed out amidst the usual routine. Baba and mandalis' main activities continue being centered round the Ashram. However just as all were about to retire at about nine thirty o'clock

at night that a report came to Shri that a young girl was lying in a precarious condition in the village as a result of being brutally assaulted by her husband. Baba at once sent a party headed by Rustomji to enquire into the affair. On their arrival at the reported place in the village, the party came across a ghastly scene. A poor young girl was lying in a heap outside the ~~the~~ door of a house. Marks of blood were found all over her clothes and also about the place where she was huddled up.

Approaching nearer, the party found that the poor soul was severely belaboured. On being questioned the girl related in broken sentences and amidst difficult breathing that in a fit of anger her husband hung her upside down over a tree early that evening and beat her indiscriminately till she was almost senseless and ran away after leaving her in that condition. After some hours her cries for help attracted the attention of somebody who brought her down.

On close examinations the party could see clear marks of assault and hanging on the girl's body corroborating her statements.

She was indeed in a precarious condition and but for immediate help she would have breathed her last within a few more hours. A "Punch" was immediately formed and in the presence of the village Police-Patel the girl's statement was recorded and witnessed. She was then removed carefully

and brought before Baba. After examining her wounds Shri fed her and also made her drink some water ~~with~~ ~~his~~ at His own hands and then instructed that she should be immediately removed in the Civil Hospital at Ahmednagar and the matter be reported to the Police.

Accordingly she was sent away at Ahmednagar with a note from Rustomji to the police and the hospital authorities.

After some time some relatives of the man who beat the girl came to Baba with profuse apologies and full of crocodile tears, and requested for the matter to be hushed up.

Inspite of their best and repeated entreaties Baba dismissed them away from His presence and 'asked' Rustomji to see that the police took proper steps in the matter.

Sun. 8th May '27.

The second tea party due from Raya came off this afternoon, it being the 30th day of his newly born child. Tea and Bhajiyas were served in abundance to all the mandali members and school boys, ofcourse after serving the same to Baba in the first instance. Then at two thirty in the afternoon with the re-peatation of a special Arti the party terminated.

As of late Shri went and passed a couple of hours in the Ashram in the evening to see for himself that all the activities there were carried out properly.

The night after the usual Arti Ramjis

related a Seaton Blake detective story before Shri and those sitting by. Since sometime every night Ramjoo has been narrating a Seaton Blake story.

Baba seems to be taking a keen interest in these ^{stories} ~~interests~~, and most of the mandali also find it to be an agreeable change ~~from~~ after the day's work. The story teller himself finding no less interest in this novel ~~occupy~~ occupation since he is very fond of such kind of fiction himself.

Mon. 9th May '27.

Baba as usual passed a couple of hours in the Ashram today.

In view of so many enquiries and applications for entries into the Ashram, after some discussions between Shri and the mandali it was decided to get all ^{the} rules, regulations and the aims and objects of the Ashram printed in English to be sent to those who had asked for them. Accordingly an order for the same was sent away to the Press for as quick a compliance as possible. Under instructions from Shri, Ramjoo also drafted out a covering letter to be sent with these printed matter.

After being corrected the same was also typed out into several copies.

In the afternoon Sheerinbando and Inani came from Poona to see Baba.

With the usual story repetitions for an hour or so by Ramjoo, Baba went to the ghopdi at 9.30 P.M. and the mandali retired too.