

Monday. } Hard-Work By Shri.  
23rd May '27. } Baba went to the Ashram  
twice, both in the morning and evening too,  
and worked for nearly six hours there in  
arranging and improving the various details of  
the Institution.

The newly arranged Gujarati section  
in the school was opened from today, and as

previously appointed, 'Chanji and Padri assumed the duties of teachers in these two new classes, the 5th and 6th Gujarathi respectively.

Dhakay who had been home for Sunday, came ~~to~~ back on his post this morning in time, but after seven o'clock (morning) he was marked by Baba going towards the Inakan. Shri caused him to be called back and conveyed to him that it was imperative that strict punctuality be observed in the school affairs. That before the school began at seven-thirty he should personally see that everything was quite ready and in order; all the time-tables, boards etc must be in their proper places before the school hours began.

A note was written to Adji at Nagar under Shri's instruction to arrange to supply three black-boards and some other necessary things for the school, with this special order "Make a gnuv (record) by ~~so~~ supplying these things before this evening"

During the school hours, from today, Baba's Seat was removed in the Principal's Office.

The "ghopdi" compound extension was sanctified by Baba, and the work was immediately started the very moment today.

Khan Sahib Khaikhaev and Adji, both father and son, came to see Baba in the night. They brought with them a giant Ice-cream mould for Baba and the mandali. Shri 'talked' through his usual signs freely and for a long time with the Khan Sahib particularly about the new Ashram and also many other subjects till ten o'clock after which they went away. Then Baba personally distributed the tempting ice-cream very liberally amongst the mandali and as soon as all finished with it, ordered them to bed.

Wednesday. } The Ashram-Library.

24th. May '27 } Everything passed off in the usual routine yesterday. Baba again passed about four hours in the Ashram and with the usual Asti and story-telling at night the day came to an end.

Messrs Borkar, Satka, and Shahu came to see Baba this morning, and they had a long conversation with Him, the main topic being the new Ashram.

Later in the day, Shri also discussed with some of the mandali members the Labha case with a view of its mutual settlement out of courts, but no definite conclusion was arrived at.

At two thirty in the afternoon, Shri sent for Rustonji, Chanji, and Dhakay at the Ashram, to make a selection of books for the Ashram library from the lot that Rustonji had brought from his house to be presented to the Ashram recently. This selection committee were greatly surprised to find that there were already about 200 books in the library on many different subjects, and were no less impressed with the fine arrangements there. All the books were <sup>found</sup> neatly arranged in different sections under respective labels, such as Religious, Spiritual, Historical, Romantic, and Miscellaneous, with a complete list in a small booklet attached to each section.

It took them (the selection committee) three or four hours to make the new selections and lists and arranging the same in the library. In the meanwhile they were also served with tea.

After the selection for the Ashram Library was over, the remaining books were brought back and added into the school Library at Meherabad.

### The Failure Of The Monsoon.

At night when all were seated about Baba, a discussion arose over the <sup>suspected</sup> failure of monsoon this year. A marked scarcity of water was reported all over the Ahmednagar district, and even the City Municipality had recently issued public notices for using the ~~the~~ available water with discrimination. Consequently people were <sup>very</sup> anxious for the rains, and many of them from the surrounding villages and the City too were of late soliciting Shri's blessings for a good monsoon. In the course of these discussions Shri conveyed that if 100 Brahmins would agree to come here and offer Him prayers, He would promise a most satisfactory rainfall for Ahmednagar. This gave rise to many controversies amongst the mandali.

Some said that the required number of Brahmins will never condescend to approach Shri in that way, and some thought it would look like an advertisement campaign in ~~the~~ asking the public to produce ~~the~~ such humbled Brahmins. While a few ~~were of opinion~~ said it was <sup>a</sup> kind of challenge in establishing Baba's Divinity amongst the public. Replying to all these remarks, Baba conveyed, that His asking for the humbled Brahmins was never meant as a sensation or publicity for Himself, much less as a challenge to anybody. No real Sadguru would ever do it. His main object and only aim in wishing for the humbled Brahmins to come to Him was that through this means He ~~will~~ <sup>may</sup> create the Divine love, Faith (Shradha) and <sup>an intense</sup> liking for

the Spiritual Path in them. That when once they would be convinced that a Saint actually has a command over Nature itself, a natural and inborn respect for all Spiritual Personalities will be created in them and they would be thus induced to enjoy and get blessed with the holy close-contact of Saints and Sadgurus.

The mandali did not for a moment doubt Shri's noble motives underlying the unusual condition that Shri imposed before promising a good monsoon for the District, but many of them still held that it would be misunderstood by the Public at large as self-advertisement and so on, upon which Baba 'said' let the matter drop. But Padri seemed bent upon getting a good shower and putting an end to the frequent dust storms, and the abnormal heat felt these days, and so suggested "let us break up Baba's sacred "Dhomi" and build a new one, since it has been experienced that when the "Dhomi" is lighted afresh it rains profusely" But at this threat - a threat of love and faith - Baba came round at once, and promised that without the Brahmins coming and praying to Him the monsoon will begin by the 8th of June "No, it is too hot and the dust nuisance is simply unbearable. It must begin to rain by the 1st of June" persisted the seldom talkative Padri, and Shri too granted the request conveying "Break the Dhomi by all means if it does not begin to rain by the 1st of June" Now let us see what happens! After this discussion the Arti and story were performed and narrated, and then

all were - ordered to go to sleep at 9.30 o'clock.