

THE BALA MANDIR

(Foundling Hospital)

(Registered)

A FEW FACTS

1963

44, Gopathy Narayanaswamy Chetty Road,
T. Nagar, Madras-17.

Established 10-3-1949.

Tel: 81688

BALA MANDIR

“CHILDHOOD IS A WONDERFUL THING,
GOD LOVES NOTHING SO MUCH AS HIS LITTLE CHILDREN,
WHO ARE FLOWERS OF HIS KINGDOM,
THE SUNBEAMS OF HIS HEAVEN”

Smt. Sarojini Naidu

“Children are not only the treasures of their families, but also invaluable assets of the nation”. The progress of any country depends upon the right conduct, initiative, progressive outlook and legitimate aspirations of its children, who are its citizens of to-morrow. So, everyone of us, who have the welfare of the children at heart, should devote our time for the proper upbringing and training, especially of the under privileged and socially handicapped among them: The children, who are orphaned, on the lamentable demise of their parents, on the normal course of events, during epidemics, or occasional political upheavals, should require our sympathy and affection. Those, who are neglected and abandoned by their heartless parents, because of dire poverty, which not only undermines their parental love, but makes them take a positive dislike for their little ones, need urgent shelter care and love. Above all, the hapless “unwanted” children, who are brought into the world, unasked, by erratic “natural couples” and who are mercilessly discarded, due to fear of social

ostracism, and abandoned near about dustbins, gutters or platforms - half-starved, to be bitten by ants, should indeed, demand immediately our utmost care and concern! Owing to several reasons, the individualised care and treatment or the upbringing and training of these 'deprived' children in families, outside institutions, is well nigh impossible. Hence, institutionalisation, comprising the integration of the triple curative roles of parents, teachers, and community, which **BALA MANDIR** provides, is the only way through which the wholesome care and assimilation of these parentless, homeless and discarded children in society could be achieved.

Bala Madir - A Temple

Bala Mandir is not a mere institution. It is a temple of love for more than 412 children, needing motherly care and affection. It is one of the few foundling Homes in the State, the earnest aim of which is to see that no child, homeless or parentless, which comes to its doors and knocks for succour, is turned out. The gates of the Bala Mandir are always wide open to welcome any child in need of relief and care! Its birth in 1949 was as astonishingly sudden as its subsequent rapid growth and expansion have been. It was a momentous day, when a group of enterprising social workers, gathered to hear the sad stories of orphans and destitute children being exposed for begging or mercilessly sold for paltry sums to anti-social persons, and children, born out-of-wedlock, being abandoned, dead or half famished

in the absence of orphanages and foundling homes in the Madras City. The theme had nothing new about it ! But, the narratives touched the right chords in the hearts of a few social workers, present, who immediately set out to found an orphanage with the assistance of public spirited citizens and run it along rational lines: Plans were made for starting the project and schemes were drawn regarding its care and scientific training programmes.

Its Birth

Bala Mandir was thus born on 10-3-1949, most unostentatiously but in auspicious times in a small cottage in the Teynampet Congress Exhibition Grounds with two foundlings and with the nucleus of a cash capital Rs. 10,000/- a liberal donation from Sjt. J. D. Dalmia, to its credit. Since then, much water has run under the bridge: Bala Mandir is fast getting into its adolescence, successfully shedding off its erstwhile infantile impediments. It is ever busy with its service-programme steadily expanding. With its increased strength, due to its sterling services, Bala Mandir soon found it difficult to continue in its rented house, wherein it was then located. It was at this juncture that the Madras Government, who have been pioneers in piloting all schemes, concerning the wellbeing and welfare of children, very generously made a free assignment of 29 grounds to Bala Bandir in Gopathy Narayanaswamy Chetty Road, Theagaroyanagar; and simultaneously with the liberal and voluntary contributions from

philanthropic friends, the present building was completed in June 1952; and it was then that Bala Mandir moved into its own stately building. It was originally intended to provide accommodation only for 200 children. It is beautifully planned, well ventilated and lighted and it is befittingly equipped with adequate sanitary conveniences, maximum facilities and all reasonable amenities for its original target strength of 200. Absolutely devoid of the drab institutional setting the building of Bala Mandir presents a cheerful homely outlook and congenial atmosphere, which contribute greatly to the natural development of children nurtured there.

It Is Also A "Fit Person Institution"

Appreciating its laudable aims and its systematic care-programme, the Madras Government in May, 1951 selected and recognised Bala Mandir as one of the earliest "Fit Person Institutions" in the State for the destitute and deprived children of 3 years and below, duly sent by juvenile Courts. On behalf of every State-ward, Bala Mandir receives a maintenance grant of Rs. 30/- per month from the Madras Government. Consistent with the policy of Bala Mandir, its Junior Approved School Section (Fit Person Institution) is serving its beneficiaries well by preventing them from swelling the number of uncared-for juvenile delinquents as well as by helping them to become good children and later, useful citizens. Side by side, the orphanage branch of Bala Mandir continues to serve numerous children-in-need, sent

over from all over the city and State by well-wishers for timely succour. There is absolutely no distinction made in any sphere within the institution between a paying state-ward and a nonpaying child of the orphanage. They are brought up in the same spirit.

Bala Mandir, As Seen By Nehruji

“One can judge an institution like this not so much by the buildings, but by the happy faces of little children. The bright and cheerful faces of the children showed how well they were kept and how much you, (management and staff), bring that human touch in dealing with them”. This was the coveted tribute, paid to Bala Mandir by our revered Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehruji, when he visited it in October, 1952. Verily; what singles out Bala Mandir as an unique institution is its astonishing achievement in giving its children individual care and attention, dealing with their myriads of problems and needs with a human approach and treating them with disciplined but tenderly love, so that none of them starve physically, mentally or emotionally, but are all happy and cheerful.

Its General Setting

Bala Mandir, with its boarding, hospital and education sections, is under the overall administrative supervision of an enthusiastic lady residential superintendent, who is a graduate and a diploma holder in social work. She is assisted by

an experienced Matron, a trained Bala Sevika (Child-care-taker), 47 Child care Assistants, and 4 cooks. Children are given a well balanced and nutritive diet with varied menu. It is duly supplemented by regular supplies of milk powder and other food stuffs, made through the generous offices of the CARE, UNICEF, and CATHOLIC AGENCIES. Further, sumptuous feasts and distribution of sweets and fruits to children by wellwishers on days of religious and social festivals are almost a routine feature! As for clothing, every child is supplied with adequate sets of clothing and bedding as per its age, and personal equipment like plate, cup and mug. Regular recreation, suitable diversion and periodic excursions are carefully planned to break the otherwise monotony of institutional life. Children of Bala Mandir are, indeed, very lucky to receive the parental care and timely counselling of the Office Secretary, who is virtually a friend and guide of every one of them.

(A) **Hospital** : A hospital is an indispensable adjunct of every care-institution like Bala Mandir, since its prime concern is to attend to the health of most of its children, who come to it as sheer physical wrecks! Obviously, each child of Bala Mandir has a harrowing tale behind it: Some are born of unhealthy parents, thereby suffering from congenital diseases: Others are those, who had survived their elders' inhuman acts of dispensing with them, before or after they were born: There are yet others who had been

starved, having been in the rigid grips of poverty. So, these children, coming as they do with damaged health, should, first and foremost be cured: "The broken arcs should be made full rounds!" Therefore, Bala Mandir lost no time in getting a self-contained hospital of its own: Sriman Srinivasa Iyengar's Memorial Hospital is a very well-laid-out and excellently equipped one. It is adequately staffed with a qualified and experienced residential lady Medical Officer, duly assisted by one qualified nurse, two midwives and 24 ayahs. Besides, it has the benefit of the advice and guidance of honorary visiting Paediatricians. Thus, medical care and attention are available to children on the spot and all the 24 hours of the day! It is rather an arduous task, but with their missionary zeal, the hospital staff does their 'job' so well that the casualties are reduced to the barest minimum! As one may see, the hospital, with its cheerful atmosphere, is more like a convalescent Home or a health recouping centre of children; and the children, there, are happy and they feel secure under the vigilant and tender care of the medical staff.

(B) Educational Sections : Needless it is to say that from the beginning, Bala Mandir is paying great attention to the educational programme of its children. In its breadth of vision, it has gradually provided educational facilities within its compound for children of all age-groups. Bala Mandir Nursery School, Bala Mandir Elementary School and Sri Satyamurthi High School, started

in 1952, 1956 and 1961, respectively, cater to the educational needs of the children. The Nursery School is under the guidance of a specialist Headmistress and three nursery trained teachers, who inculcate in the toddlers an unquenched desire to learn. Its strength is 155 ; and it is recognised as a special school by the Education Department of the Madras Government. The Elementary School and High School, both of which are mixed schools and which are adequately staffed and well equipped, are also recognised and aided by the State Government. The respective strength of the Elementary School and High School is as follows: 543 and 370. The need for starting its own schools arose because of the difficulties experienced in sending its young children in batches to various outside schools in the early stages. Strangely, these schools, attached to Bala Mandir, are not closed ones; nor do they serve exclusively for Bala Mandir. They are thrown open to outside children as well, in the city. The salutary effects of social contacts between the Bala Mandir institutionalised children and those from normal homes outside are quite significant. It is believed that such a wholesome social impact will be very helpful in their later assimilation in society, on their leaving the institution in due course. As regards the all-comprehensive educational programme, it may best be summed up that it is concerned with physical fitness, sound thinking, good habits, thrift, correct initiative and judgment and proper general adjustment to life and society, so that children,

studying in these schools, may later become self-reliant and self-respecting citizens of sterling character to serve their country in the best manner possible. For the first time in the annals of the history of Bala Mandir, two boys and one girl have appeared for S.S.L.C. Public Examination in March, 1963.

Every Child Is God's Child

Religious or caste distinctions are not allowed to be observed in Bala Mandir. In fact, most of these children do not know which religion or what caste they belong to ! But, the gospel of One God and Universal Brotherhood is implanted in every one of them through regular moral instructions at the institution and schools and community prayers. The recitation of Bhajan Songs and Verses from the Bhagavat Gita by Bala Mandir children in all solemnity is a coveted sight for angels to see !!

Its Vocational Programme

It is the ardent aim of Bala Mandir to provide every child with all the facilities and opportunities, which children in ordinary families would normally have: (1) The nursery garden is a hobby, more than a vacation, now; and the children like very much to rear it: They take a delightful pride in producing and supplying the Bala Mandir kitchen vegetables and greens, now and then !! (2) The Poultry Farming is another hobby-cum-vocation for Bala Mandir Children.

The eggs, produced thereat, are duly supplied to the hospital for children's use. Its expansion atleast on instructional basis, if not on commercial one, is under active consideration of the management. The other two avenues of vocation which are in their initial stages are book-binding and sewing, the latter being introduced for the instruction and occupation of the Bala Mandir girls.

Its Carpentry Unit

A Carpentry Unit as a hobby centre was started on 6-2-1956 with the aim of finding out the aptitudes of boys of Bala Mandir. Its progress was encouraging; The toilet stands, toy-houses and giant-keys had a good sale. It was in 1959 that the Centre was developed into a work cum-training Section to be added on to the Institution through the munificence of the CARE Organisation: It was equipped with the electrically-run machinery, worth Rs. 10,000/- donated by CARE that it manufactured articles for Bala Mandir as well as executed outside orders for household and school furniture. Thus, started with a minimum staff and practically no capital, the section had found its bearing and its articles had a great demand. Besides, the unit served admirably as a training centre for Bala Mandir boys. In 1962, the Central Social Welfare Board gave a grant of Rs. 41,000/- under the Socio Economic Programme under which 20 deserving women have been trained in carpentry. In November of the same year, the Government of Madras,

through the Department of Women's Welfare, placed orders with the Bala Mandir Carpentry Unit for 730 sets of Balwadi (Pre-School in Rural Areas) Educational Equipment for various Panchayat Unions. The unit is now busy completing this order. It is expected to get into a pucca building, constructed out of the grant given to it by the Central Social Welfare Board very shortly; and carpentry as a major industry of Bala Mandir could then be conducted on a commercial basis.

" Bala Mandir - An Excellent Field-work Ground For Child-Care Workers "

It is a very singular and welcome feature that the State Branch of the Indian Council for Child Welfare has selected Bala Mandir as the most suitable venue for the Bala Sevika Training Course and is conducting the Second Course thereat now. In the words of Dr. Madame Ika Paul Pont, Technical Adviser on Child Education to the Government of India, "It is definitely a privilege to have been able to locate the Bala Sevika Training Course at Bala Mandir. It could be looked upon as a valuable field-work ground, having the full range of services for children from birth to employment, which is required for the Bala Sevika Training".

Its Rehabilitation and Follow-up Programme

In keeping with the tenet of its programme, that every deprived child should be found a suitable place in Society, as and when one such

's offered, Bala Mandir encourages the "Adoption" of its healthy and bright children by bona-fide childless parents with means, after due enquires. Its systematic follow-up scheme reveals that there have been no failures among the children, thus sponsored, so far, by individual families. Restoration on license of quite a few approved children and others to their nearest relatives, as and when they are detected, is another form of rehabilitation, favoured by Bala Mandir for its beneficiaries. In good time, marriage, higher technical education and employment, as other avenues of settlement of its children will be duly explored. No care-institution should be converted into a Pinjarapole ! So, after due training, every institutionalised child should be prepared to go out and eke out its livelihood through honourable means : And, this is what Bala Mandir is trying to do.

Its Aims and Aspiration

The ultimate aim of the management is to gradually start similar institutions in every district. But, its present aspiration is to make Bala Mandir an ideal one, by improving the technique and quality of its training programme, so as to make its children strong and healthy in body, mind and spirit, as well as put into them a good family-spirit of service and solidarity.

Its Needs

The needs of Bala Mandir are legitimate and they are minimum requirements ; and the

most urgent among them to be attended to, as early as possible, are a separate dormitory for boys of 10 years and above, separate concrete self-contained buildings for its Elementary and High Schools, a segregation block to accommodate cases like typhoid, measles etc., vertical expansion of the main building to relieve congestion and a compound wall, all around, for security. The construction of additional structures on the terrace of the main building, so as to provide extra living-space for the present strength, which is double its original target, is already being taken up: While, the foundation for the High School building in the space opposite to Bala Mandir will shortly be laid: The rest would be taken up as a phased programme. Secondly, for an institution like Bala Mandir, a motor van is a great necessity for the transport of children, who are very seriously ill, to outside hospitals and those, who await certification, to Juvenile Courts. This will save quite a sizable expenditure, now incurred on public transport! Thirdly, a sound film projector, (16 m.m.), is equally necessary to provide the children with audio-visual education as well as cultural diversion! Fourthly, a laundry to serve the needs of Bala Mandir children, to start with, is required to be set up: All these could easily be achieved, if the Government and Public stretch out their hands of help more liberally !!

Its Numerous Wellwishers

Bala Mandir is singularly fortunate in being blessed with the goodwill of numerous well wish-

ers ! Its sincere and silent service to the deprived children is enlisting the wholehearted co-operation of the generous public as well as the financial assistance from the State Government, Corporation of Madras, Provincial Welfare Fund (Madras), Central Social Welfare Board and other Social Welfare Agencies. Its main sources of receipts are, however, subscriptions and donations in cash and kind.

Its Income and Expenditure

Its receipts and expenditure for the year 1962-63 are :

This speaks for itself ! Thus, with its limited and slender receipts, on the one hand, and ever mounting up expenditure, on the other, Bala Mandir is experiencing now and then rather anxious moments. It is felt necessary that no pains are spared in earnestly examining all feasible ways and means to augment its income. Unless it is relieved of its financial stress and strain, Bala Mandir will find it difficult to carry on its multipurpose programme for its children efficiently ! The State Government have kindly made a generous gesture of assigning 19 grounds and 24 grounds, free of cost, to the east and opposite respectively to Bala Mandir for accommodating its expansion programme. It is hoped that the citizens will come forward, likewise, in large numbers to help Bala Mandir with munificent donations. It may not be possible for many of us to run such child-care institutions and give relief to needy children. But, it cannot be diffi-

cult for every one of us to contribute our mite—in cash or kind—to Bala Mandir and, thereby help it to shape the lives of hundreds of children under its care. Bala Mandir counts on the continued and tangible support and more liberal help from all its well-wishers, philanthropic public and from the Government—State and Central! To carry on its humanitarian work, Bala Mandir calls for “a deep purpose”. Should it not be our bounden duty “to help to keep it full”?

Its Committee

It is the good fortune of Bala Mandir to have, since its inception, a very active Committee, whose humane approach to every problem of its children is very commendable. Apart from the collective concern of the Committee for the proper administration of the institution, it is significant and praiseworthy that everyone of its members is evincing keen and personal interest in improving and intensifying the welfare services, rendered by Bala Mandir.

Conclusion

India is now the country of the free: But, the cries of the children, the innocent victims of socio-economic maelstrom, still continue to disturb the peace and progress of the nation! Unless their tears are wiped off, in time and taken care of to be fed, clothed, shielded and trained, they would, in the words of Dr. (Mrs.) Annie Besant, “rock the very foundations of any society and render helpless the future of any

nation." Looking after children in-need is, indeed, "a nation building mission". Let every one of us in our country, whose hearts pulsate for the welfare of deprived children, offer Bala Mandir our wholehearted co-operation and liberal help, moral and material ! Such a help is not to be regarded as a sheer act of individual charity, but as an incumbent duty, cast on all of us, to be discharged by the nation for its future citizens ;

"YOU SAVE AN ADULT AND YOU SAVE A UNIT.
BUT SAVE A CHILD AND YOU SAVE THE
ENTIRE SOCIETY.
THE SAVED CHILDREN WILL NOT ONLY
BE THE USEFUL
CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY,
BUT WILL ALSO BE TRUE
APOSTLES OF GOD, PREACHING TO
MANKIND OF LOVE,
HOPE AND PEACE".

Mr. "Gypsy" Smith

JAI HIND !

AS OTHERS SEE US

1. It seems to me, I have never seen sweeter or happier children. It is obvious that they are very well cared for. I am glad to have seen this splendid Institution.

(Sd.) Mrs. Serena Galt Shepleigh,
St. Louis Missouri, U S A.
6-1-1950

2. A wonderful and soul-satisfying institution. I was delighted to go round the same and see the bright little kids so affectionately looked after. I wish it an unbroken and expanding career of service. Bala Maddir—the temple of children.

(Sd.) K. C. REDDY,
Chief Minister, Mysore.
11-3-1951.

3. It has been a special pleasure to visit the Bala Mandir and to see the unique work which is being done here.

(Sd.) Edwina Mountbatten of Burma,
18-2-1953.

4. It (Bala Mandir) is excellently managed and the children seem to get all the love and that is every child's right. It should prosper.

(Sd.) Krishna Hatheesingh,
Chairman-Child Welfare Council,
22-10-1953.

5. Perhaps, this is the best child care institution in India. It is hoped, it would become a pioneer Institution to study every phase of the problem of the Foundling, its growth, development and eventual rehabilitation.

(Sd) N. Prabhu
22-10-1953.

6. I would like to see Homes of this type in every state Capital. It is wonderfully well equipped, run on scientific principles and withal run by voluntary workers and trained social workers.

(Sd.) Freda M. Bedi,

Editor, Social Welfare, Central Social
Welfare Board,

6-10-1954.

7. I shall never forget the dear little faces here. what a wonderful work you are doing?

(Sd.) Hellen M. Fowler,

10, Mitchel Place, New York,

1-12-1954.

8. It has given me inspiration and hope to see this fine institution. The open and warm welcome given to all these babies and children is what they need and deserve but might not have had, were it not for Bala Mandir.

(Sd.) Mrs. Chester Bowles,

16-2-1955.

9. I shall always remember the Bala Mandir as an example of dedicated service and untiring work.

(Sd.) Smt. Rajan Nehru,

26-2-1955.

10. It was, indeed an experience and an inspiration to visit the Home for the Foundlings. Those whom God has created man shall not neglect or discard.

(Sd.) Sri Rm. Alagappa Chettiar,

4-3-1955.

11. The first thing we noticed in Bala Mandir is the friendly and spontaneous response of the children.

(Sd.) H. D. Ten Brink,

Director of Public Health,

March, 1955.

12. I have greatly enjoyed visiting this unique institution. Excellent work is being done. The children are obtaining good care. I hope, ways will be found to increase the number of early adoptions.

(Sd.) Jessie M. Biervon, M. D.
WHO Consultant Misc Health.
1955.

13. Bala Mandir, I feel has started on the right road and the splendid work being done induces humility and respect from the laymen.

(Sn.) H. Norminton,
The British Council, Madras.
1955.

14. Social Welfare bodies, if they went to open such institutions in their respective areas, should study the working of this Institution, (Bala Mandir); they would profit by their experience and the training that they will get here.

(Sd.) Jugal Kishore,
Minister for Labour and Social Welfare.
30-12-1955.

15. This is one of the high lights of my visit to India. This is extremely important work.

(Sd.) Judge Phillips B. William,
President, Juvenile Court,
Judge of America.
13-1-1956.

16. I feel too moved by this Home (Bala Mandir) to express my admiration and deep respect for all those who are responsible for the work.

(Sd.) Mary Baxter Shewanker,
J. P. Aberdeen. London,
18-1-1956.

17. It is a sacred service which this organisation is doing.

(Sd.) Rameswari Nehru,
8—6—1956.

18. A very happy short visit. One of the best of this type of institution that I have visited.

(Sd.) Edward Benedict,
Church World Service,
Representative in India,
New Delhi.

19. An excellent example of private effort to solve a vital social problem.

(Sd.) Lakshmi N. Menon,
22—10—1957.

20. The high regard with which this institution (Bala Mandir) is held by our Central Office is most certainly borne out by the facts of their actual distribution, the children are most happy and responsive.

(Sd.) Robert S. Mc. Clusky,
CARE, Staff Representative,
6—9—1958.

21. It is a wonderful sight to see these many children of different ages served so ably and to see them so happy.

(Sd.) Mrs. & Mr. Edward Morris Jones,
2—1—1959.

22. This institution (Bala Mandir) represents an essential service for a to tally neglected area of welfare for the child. Every state must have atleast one such institution, recognised as an absolute need within state provision for child welfare services. It is more than creditable that so magnificent an effort to meet this need has been accomplished by this institution on a voluntary basis.

(Sd.) Tara Ali Baig, 30—7—1959,
Honorary General Secretary,
Indian Council for Child Welfare,
New Delhi.

I wish that this much needed institution could be used as a pilot project for the rest of the Country. More than anything else I was impressed by the human approach and interest for this individual child shown by the Secretary General and Office Secretary.

(Sd.) Madame Ika Paul Pont, 30-12-1959,
International Children's Centre, Paris.
Technicai Adviser to the Indian
Council for Child Welfare.

24. To glimpse a little of the work that is done here is a privilege. Those who lovingly contribute to the happiness of these children deserve the praise and blessing and help of all. It is a joy to know that these boys and girls obviously are getting affection along with medical care.

(Sd.) J. R. Wiggins, 24-1-1960,
"Washington Post"
Vice-President and Executive Editor.

25. It was a real pleasure to me and of great interest to visit this institution and see some of the fine human work being done here for the children. I will tell my friends in UNICKF in New York about this work.....

(Sd.) Andrew. Cohen, 1-2-1960,
British Representative on the Trusteeship
Council of the U.N.

26. All goodwishes to you for the future success and development of your excellent work.

(Sd.) H. N. Hedley, 22-3-1961,
Ministry of Health, London.

27. You are doing wonderful work and CARE is proud to be able to help in your achievement.

(Sd.) Allain Klina, 23-3-1962,
Director of CARE in India.

28. I was pleased to see the excellent work that is being done by this voluntary agency (Bala Mandir). The children are so happy and well cared for. We saw children ranging from the age of a few days old to children of about 13 & 14 years of age everyone seemed so happy. It was good to see the various activities of the children from the Nursery to the High School, Carpentry Section, Poultry Section etc.

(Sd.) Smt. B. Tara Bai, 25-6-1962,

Chairman,
Child Care Committee.

29. It is many years since I visited Bala Mandir in its very early days and I was amazed to see how enormously it has grown and developed. The work being done seems excellent and it is good to think that no child is ever turned away.

(Sd.) Lady Collins NYe, 24-1-1962,

England.

30. The smiles of the faces of the children are the indicative of the very wonderful work that is being accomplished here (Bala Mandir).

(Sd.) Jocelins Vannoy, May-1962,

Nutritionist, Wheat Association,
New Delhi.

31. The attention and care, the love and affection that the children in Bala Mandir receive is very touching. The institution cares for 400 children to-day. It deserves the support of all men and women of goodwill.

(Sd.) C. V. Narasimhan, 13-7-1962*

Under Secretary, United Nations.

32. This has, indeed, been a memorable visit. I am filled with admiration for the excellent work that is being done here.

(Sd.) Noretta Reed, 12—10—1962,
L. C. C., England.

33. I cannot express in adequate words my deep appreciation of the valuable work done by the Bala Mandir.

(Sd.) R. Venkatraman, 16—1—1963^{*}
Minister, Madras Stat .

34. It is good that there are people to take care of unwanted children and make their life pleasant. I hope that my visit here will make it possible for some of the children of Bala Mandir to have foster parents.

(Sd.) Mrs. R. A. Kraus, 28—2—1963,
GERMANY.

35. I had the opportunity of visiting Bala Mandir where poor orphans are being protected and brought up to become useful citizens of the country with high integrity. I also visited the Elementary School and High School maintained by the Mandir. These institutions deserve to be encouraged and emulated by others, as they are well maintained with high standard with Missionary Zeal.

(Sd.) G. Kuchelar, 4—3—1963.
Mayor, Madras.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Finance (Revenue Division),

NEW DELHI.

The 1st October, 1949.

NOTIFICATION

INCOME-TAX

No. 94.....It is notified for general information that the Central Government have approved the institutions mentioned Below for the purposes of sub-section (1) of section 15-B of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922 (XI) of 1922):-

318, Bala Mandir (Foundling Hospital),
Madras.

(Sd.) PYARE LAL,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.
(True copy)